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THE WORLD THIS MORNING
**Bush in trouble**

WASHINGTON. (Reuter): Just three weeks before Iowa voters kick off the presidential nomination race, opinion polls show Vice-President George Bush falling further behind there, in part because of the Iran arms scandal.

Manoeuvres

CAIRO. (Reuter): Egypt is willing to hold military manoeuvres with any Arab country which has restored diplomatic ties with Cairo, armed forces Chief of Staff Lieutenant General Saifi Deen Abu Shenaf said.

Punjab killings

NEW DELHI. (AP): Sikh extremists killed three people, including a communist activist, in continuing violence in the northern state of Punjab, the United News of India reported.

War criminal

BELGRADE. Jan 18. (Reuter): Yugoslav war criminal Andrija Artukovic, known as the "butcher of the Balkans," died last Saturday at a prison hospital, aged 89, the state news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

Train collision

BEIJING. (AP): A passenger train collided with a freight train in northeast China, killing 17 people and injuring 66, official reports said.

Plane crash

MOSCOW. (Reuter): Eleven people were killed yesterday when a Soviet Aeroflot airliner crashed while landing at Krasnodar, in Soviet Turkmenia, the newspaper Izvestia reported.

Scrap treaty

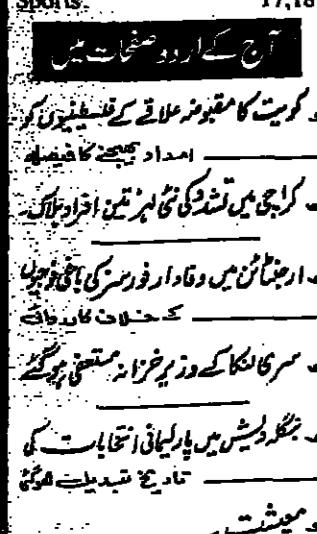
DAMASCUS. (Reuter): A senior member of Syria's ruling party urged Egypt yesterday to scrap its peace treaty with Israel.

US senator

DAMASCUS. (Reuter): US Republican Senator Arlen Specter met Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa yesterday for talks which included the Iran-Iraq war, US embassy officials said.

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**WEATHER**

TEMPERATURE	remains below
	around with light to moderate north-westerly wind and some clouds will appear.
State of sea:	slight to moderate
High water:	10.00 am, 10.00 am
Low water:	6.00 am, 6.00 pm
Sea level:	6.43 pm
Mean sea temperature recorded:	5.14 pm
Kinshasa:	15°C 59°F
Fallak:	14°C 57°F
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	Fallak: 14°C 57°F
	Maximum humidity recorded:
	Kinshasa: 73 per cent
	Ahmed: 78 per cent
	Maximum humidity expected:
	Kinshasa: 75 per cent
	Ahmed: 80 per cent
	Fallak: 85 per cent
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	Kinshasa: 5°C 41°F
	Ahmed: 9°C 49°F
	Fallak: 10°C 50°F

ARAB TIMES

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Desecration of Al Aqsa condemned**Kuwait will send \$5m of aid to Palestinians**

Refugees at the Bureij camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, argue with an Israeli soldier on the restriction of movement in the camp. (Reuter wirephoto)

KUWAIT yesterday strongly condemned the desecration of Al Aqsa mosque by Israeli troops in occupied Jerusalem last Friday, the Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Al Rashed said after the weekly cabinet meeting yesterday.

The condemnation is in conformity with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah also decided to send food and medicine worth \$5 million to Palestinians in the occupied territories to help them to continue anti-Israeli protests.

The aid would be sent through the United Nations, Rashed said.

Imposed

"The cabinet reviewed the siege imposed on Palestinians in the occupied lands to cut off food and medicine to force them to stop their tremendous revolution against occupation and injustice," Rashed said.

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (Unrwa) says there are serious shortages of food in the eight Gaza Strip refugee camps, where more than 200,000 Palestinians have been living under curfew for a week to 13 days.

At least 39 Palestinians have been killed in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip since the uprising started on Dec 9.

Rashed said the aid was "a contribution from Kuwait to lessen the suffering of our brothers in Palestine and help them continue their defiance."

In Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian cabinet also decided to send medicine, wheat, milk and other foodstuffs to Palestinians in the occupied territories.

Information Minister Ali Hassan Al Shaer said in a statement, carried by the Saudi Press Agency, that the aid would be given to the United Nations immediately for distribution to the "brotherly Palestinian people."

Donated

Pope John Paul, unusually answering reporters' questions last night, said he found Israeli police action against worshippers at a revered Jerusalem mosque on Friday unacceptable.

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat has called for the placement of UN peacekeeping troops in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip to quell the unrest there.

"I accept the United Nations forces to be between the Palestinians and the Israelis and these

UN forces to be within our territories," Arafat said in a CBS television interview in New York.

Peres's left-leaning Labour party and Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc share power in a coalition government plagued by ideological rivalries. Elections are not scheduled until November.

Peres, speaking to reporters, suggested a spring election but acknowledged: "It's quite complicated because at the moment there is no (parliamentary) majority either way."

A vote for an early election would depend on the will of splinter parties.

Shamir told reporters Israel needed to display unity in the face of the unrest, saying any election held before the protests were quelled would "weaken our standing in the eyes of the Arabs and is liable to damage us."

Shamir also called on the United States and Egypt to help revive negotiations to give the 1.5 million Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza Strip limited autonomy.

Curfew

The two countries, with Israel, agreed on the autonomy principle in the 1979 Camp David accords, but the idea was overwhelmingly rejected by the Palestinians and negotiations quickly stalled.

In the Gaza Strip, seven of eight refugee camps remained under curfew, but military officials who requested anonymity said the restrictions would be lifted gradually in the next few days.

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Dhaka shifts election date

DHAKA, Jan 18. (Agencies): More than 20 people were injured, three of them seriously, in a clash with police at an opposition rally near Dhaka, a spokesman said today.

The government, meanwhile, shifted the date of parliamentary elections to March 3 from Feb 28.

"At least 20 people received minor injuries when police had to resort to a mild baton charge to disperse a crowd of people trying to hold a rally in front of the

public library yesterday," the police spokesman said on telephone from Narayanganj.

"We had to break the rally because it was being held in violation of the law," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Narayanganj, about 10 miles (16 kms) south of the capital city of Dhaka.

Rallies, protests and demonstrations are banned under the emergency rule clamped by the government on Nov 27 to suppress the opposition campaign to

oust President Hossain Mohammad Ershad.

The parliamentary elections were shifted to March 3, apparently to oblige a Muslim saint who counts Ershad among his devotees.

The Bangladesh election commission did not give any reason for the change of date.

Informed sources said the date was switched because it clashed with the annual congregation of

disciples of the saint known as "peer of Atrashi."

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● The flagship of the First re-enactment for the Australian Bicentenary, the Soren Larsen, enters Botany Bay, south of Sydney, following an eight-month voyage from Portsmouth, England, retracing the journey made by Australia's first white settlers 200 years ago. (Reuter wirephoto)

Roh plans to include opponents in cabinet

SEOUL, Jan 18. (AP): President-elect Rob Tae-Woo said today he plans to fill some cabinet posts with opposition members.

Roh said he will ask the opposition camp to recommend suitable candidates for the posts, but did not say what posts would be offered. There was no immediate reaction from the opposition.

Meanwhile, the single-house National Assembly began a new session today to prepare election laws that must be completed before upcoming legislative elections. The present assembly, elected in February 1985, is to dissolve by late April.

Roh talked to reporters about his plans for a new cabinet and other subjects after moving into a new office with a team of aides to prepare for the handing over of power from outgoing President Choo Doo-Hwan. Roh is to be sworn in Feb 25.

Roh, who heads the ruling Democratic Justice Party, was elected with 36.6 per cent of the vote in the Dec 16 presidential election. Opposition leader Kim Young-Sam polled 28 per cent and his opposition rival Kim Dae-Jung 27 per cent.

Roh has suggested conciliatory gestures toward the opposition, in part because he failed to win a clear-cut mandate from the voters.

He reiterated today that his party wanted to hold the assembly elections in February, but said it would depend on negotiations with the opposition on rewriting the election laws.

Roh has said his new administration should start with a new assembly next month.

Seoul accused of faking sabotage

TOKYO, Jan 18. (AP): North Korea today accused South Korea of faking the case of a missing South Korean jetliner so that the South could blame the North in an attempt to smear the North's reputation.

The official Workers (Communist) Party newspaper "Rodong Shinmun" said,

"A Korean Air Boeing 707 carrying 115 people disappeared last Nov 29 over the Andaman Sea near Burma on a flight from Abu Dhabi to Seoul."

Confession

Last Friday, a young woman who identified herself as Kim Hyon Hui, 25, a North Korean agent who had undergone years of terrorist training in the North and abroad, admitted in Seoul that she and a partner had planted a time bomb on the KAL jet.

Soon after the confession, North Korea called the claims "a fabrication full of lies" and said it would retaliate against any "provocation" from Seoul.

Today's commentary, carried by the North's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, decided that "the South Korean rulers must frankly admit even now, though belatedly, that the jetliner incident was their own fake-up."

It said South Korea's "smear campaign" against the North is wire-pulled by the US imperialists, who are fishing in troubled waters."

Syria executes spies

DAMASCUS, Jan 18. (AP): Three Syrians accused of being Israeli spies were hanged in public at a Damascus square, the official Syrian Arab News Agency reported today.

The report said the death sentences were carried out "against three Syrian spies who have sold themselves to the Zionist enemy (Israel) for a few dollars."

Sana gave no details on where and when the execution took place nor whether the three cases were linked. It did not elaborate on the spying charges nor report on the men's trial.

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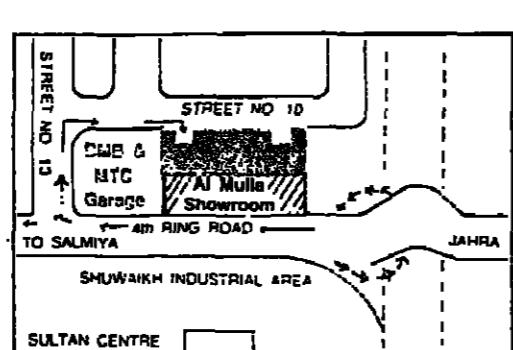
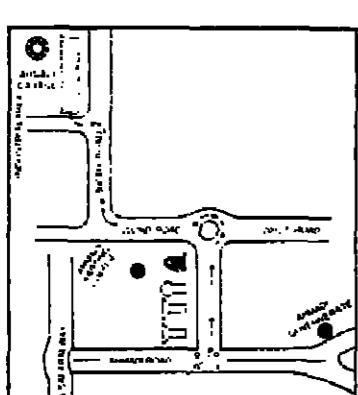


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Renegades plan attack as local polls end

Troops ringing Manila

MANILA, Jan 18. (Reuter): Voting in Philippine local elections ended today with troops ringing Manila after rumours that renegade soldiers planned an attack.

The reports that 3,000 renegade troops could try to attack the capital overshadowed nine hours of voting and ended a generally calm election day marred by sporadic outbursts of violence and complaints of cheating.

"The Army is ready to meet any threat," armed forces spokesman General Honestio Isleta said on government television after polls closed. "Of course these are unconfirmed reports but we cannot brush them off."

"We have adequate security," added police chief General Manuel Roxas. "Metro-Manila is practically ringed by (government) forces."

Collecting and counting votes for mayors and provincial governors became the final hurdle in the country's two-year journey back to democracy following the February 1986 overthrow of Ferdinand Marcos and President Corazon Aquino's rise to power.

Argentina turns down conditional surrender offer by Rico



BUENOS AIRES, Jan 18. (Reuter): President Raul Alfonsin's government turned down an offer today by Army mutineer Aldo Rico to make a conditional surrender and it pledged to press ahead to end the Argentine military rebellion.

President press spokesman Jose Ignacio Lopez said on television that Rico met Second Army Corps Commander Juan Mabagrana to discuss his surrender "seeking a period of time to deliver it that was not accepted, so we continue advancing."

In Paris, French President Mitterrand's office reported that Alfonsin had told his French counterpart by telephone that Rico, a cashed-out lieutenant colonel, had surrendered.

Artillery and small arms fire broke out earlier between loyalist forces and rebel troops near Rico's headquarters north of the capital, an Army statement said.

It did not report any casualties in the fighting at the hamlet of Labougle, 20 kilometres from the Army base at Monte Caseros where Rico was entrenched with 100 battle-hardened supporters.

The statement said three rebel officers were detained.

This was the first time Argentine troops had fired on each other since fighting between rival Army factions in 1962.

Around 1,900 civilians were evacuated from the area.

Alfonsin applauded the "decisive action of the military command" to crush the rebellion, said the presidential press spokesman. "The president is in charge of the operations to defend the constitution."

Earlier today two loyalist soldiers were seriously injured when a rebel-placed mine exploded under their truck. A road bridge on the outskirts of Monte Caseros, 630 kilometres north of Buenos Aires was destroyed in a bid to halt the advance of loyalist forces encircling the area.

Alfonsin held an emergency cabinet meeting to discuss the uprising which found pockets of support elsewhere in the country.

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Carbide appeals against relief order

DANBURY, Connecticut, Jan 18. (AP): Union Carbide Corp. said today it appealed an Indian court order that the company pay \$270 million in interim relief to the victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas leak that killed more than 2,000 people.

The mid-December order for interim relief "without evidence or trial" is contrary to law, the company said in a brief statement released from its Danbury headquarters.

The appeal, filed today in the city of Jabalpur, India, asks the high court in the state of Madhya Pradesh to set aside the order, Carbide spokesman Ed Van Den Ameel said.

"It must be clear to the government of India that the court's order merely delays ultimate resolution of victims' concerns by introducing a new and unenforceable concept of law," Van Den Ameel said.

In 1986, India filed a lawsuit against Carbide for \$3 billion in damages for the gas leak that killed 2,800 people and seriously injured more than 20,000 others. It was the world's worst industrial accident.

On Dec 1, India filed criminal charges, accusing Carbide, its

subsidiaries and officers of homicide and injury to people and animals when the methyl isocyanate leaked from a pesticide plant operated by a Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal.

The Indian judge ordered the interim relief in mid-December, five months after the multinational corporation had offered to give more than \$4.6 million in interim relief "on humanitarian grounds."

"Union Carbide is committed to helping the victims, but that help cannot be achieved without due process of law stipulated in United States courts," Van Den Ameel said. "Interim compensation cruelly raises unachievable expectations in the people of Bhopal."

Union Carbide maintained that sabotage at Bhopal will be proven in the course of a trial.

It also noted that under traditional legal theories, such a finding would exonerate the corporation.

The Indian government contends that the December 1984 leak was caused by negligence on the part of Carbide, and has supported its proposals for interim relief on grounds that there is a solid case against the company.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus crash

ISLAMABAD, Jan 18. (Reuter): Two passenger buses, one carrying a load of matches, collided in a fiery crash in western Pakistan, killing 24 people, the official news agency APP said today.

An equal number of people were injured in the crash last night near Dalbandin, 325 km (200 miles) south-west of Quetta. Many of the victims were burned to death when one bus caught fire after the impact, APP said.

Ghaffar Khan

ISLAMABAD, Jan 18. (AP): Hospital officials said today there has been a slight improvement in the condition of Abdul Ghaffar Khan, a Muslim who sided with Hindus, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru in political battles for India's independence from Britain.

Ghaffar Khan, 98, was hospitalized last week, suffering from numerous ailments including strokes, a lung infection and inflammation of the joints, said doctors at the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, 100 miles (160 km) northwest of Islamabad.

"He is slipping in and out of consciousness," said Dr Jamal Ahmad, administrator of the hospital.

Demonstration

NEW DELHI, Jan 18. (AP): More than 1,500 members of the opposition Bharatiya Janata Party demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a demonstration near Parliament today.

The demonstrators blocked traffic at a busy intersection and were detained by police.

Merger document

LONDON, Jan 18. (Reuter): Leaders of Britain's Liberal Party, fighting off a rebellion over terms for a planned merger with the Social Democrats (SDP), approved today a paper that could pave the way to union, Liberal officials said.

The Liberal Party's 17 members of the House of Commons, as well as peers from the House of Lords, unanimously accepted the paper at an hour-long meeting.

Lightning deaths

NAIROBI, Jan 18. (AP): Bolts of lightning in western Kenya killed eight people, including a peasant farmer and three of his children, police reported today.

Another bolt hit a school in the same region, injuring 14 students. Five of them are in critical condition with head and chest burns, hospital officials said.

Toilet paper

DUBLIN, Jan 18. (Reuter): Debt-ridden Irish schools have asked children to bring their own toilet paper with them.

"It's going back to the situation long ago where schoolchildren brought a sod of turf to school to keep the fire burning," said a spokesman for the Catholic Primary School Managers Association.

De Mojana dies

ROME, Jan 18. (Reuter): The Grand Master of the 900-year-old Order of the Knights of Malta, His most eminent Highness Fra Angelo De Mojana Di Cologno, died in Rome last night after a short illness, the order announced today.

De Mojana, appointed by Pope John XXIII in 1962 as the 77th Grand Master of the deeply Catholic order, was 82.

The order said De Mojana died of a heart attack in a clinic he had entered three days ago.

Whale teeth

TOKYO, Jan 18. (Reuter): Makers of Bunnaku puppets, used in a traditional form of Japanese theatre, are appealing to an Inuit (Eskimo) village in northern Canada for the teeth of a dead whale washed ashore last year.

The horn-like mouth plates called baleen, which right whales use to filter small shellfish from seawater, have always been used to make the internal mechanisms of the three-man puppets.

Victory parade

KABUL, Jan 18. (Reuter): Tanks, armoured cars, heavy guns and rocket launchers paraded in Kabul today as the Afghan Army celebrated last month's victory over Muslim insurgent forces around the eastern town of Khost.

Jet fighters screamed past and helicopter gunships clattered overhead as Soviet-backed President Najibullah took the salute at the parade in the Afghan capital's revolution square.

Marching past were some 2,500 Afghan government soldiers, said by officials to have taken part in the fighting to break a long insurgent siege of the garrison town close to the Pakistani border southeast of Kabul.

KUWAIT ... GULF

Kuwait elected to IBE post

GENEVA, Jan 18. (Kuna): Kuwait was today elected to serve as one of the five vice-presidents of the International Bureau of Education, a Geneva-based Unesco-affiliated institute for the promotion of education techniques.

The other countries elected for a two year term at a meeting of the IBE's council here were Czechoslovakia, Venezuela, China, Burundi.

France's delegate to the four-day Geneva conference, Yves Brunswick, was voted president.

Apart from the elections, the 24 national members of the IBE council also were due to review the work of the bureau over the past year and to prepare reports for a major conference late this year to be attended by education ministers from around the world, said the secretary-general of the Kuwait National Commission for Unesco, Sulaiman Onaizi.



The Pakistan Ladies Club hosted a farewell dinner at the Holiday Inn Hotel this week for the Pakistani Ambassador Khaled Saleem and his wife. Picture shows the envoy (right), Begum Naheed (centre), their children and a guest (left) at the dinner. (Photo: Zafar)

Campers complain of disturbances

MOST people camping in the desert have complained that this year's outing has not been as pleasant as last year.

Thousands of people have been camping in the desert, a traditional annual event that usually coincides with the spring vacation of schools.

Campers said that this year's weather remained 'cool' and a good amount of rain fell.

They told Al Seyassah newspaper that camping in the desert was far better than going abroad because travel was too costly for them.

They said that officials had forgotten about them, and recklessly youths playing among the camps disturbed the families.

One camper, Saleh Al Saleem, said that desert camping meant a change of scene and routine for him and his family. But the campers faced a lot of disturbance from youths who drove their cars and motorcycles recklessly day



A family prepares lunch.

French minister to visit Kuwait

PARIS, Jan 18. (Kuna): French Minister of State for Economic, Financial and Privatisation Affairs Edouard Balladur today received Kuwait's Ambassador to France, Dr Tarek Rzouqi.

According to government sources, Balladur will discuss a range of political and economic issues with leaders of these countries, especially that he will be representing Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

The Prime Minister has declined to visit the region himself since he started last Saturday his presidential campaign.

Teachers helping students to cheat in exams will be punished

TOUGH measures are to be taken against teachers and officials for malpractices involved in conducting school examinations.

Teachers who come late for examinations or leave early without a reasonable excuse, reject the instructions of superiors, are negligent about examination procedures, are lax, and give students an opportunity to cheat, help students to cheat, lose, damage or change answer papers, or leak questions, will

Cabinet briefed on Iraqi Vice-President's visit

THE Council of Ministers yesterday held an ordinary session under the chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and Premier, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah. The Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, Rashed Al Rashed said after the cabinet session that the ministers were briefed by Sheikh Saad on his talks with Iraq's Vice-President and Deputy Chairman of the Revolutionary Council that touched on developments of the current Arab situation and ways to stop the ongoing Iraqi-Iran war in addition to bilateral relations.

Reviewed

During his visit here, concluded on Sunday, Ibrahim delivered a message to HH the Amir from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Al Rashed said that the cabinet also reviewed the message of King Hussein of Jordan to the Amir that dealt with Arab issues and ways to support Arab solidarity.

The cabinet also reviewed the outcome of OIC Secretary-General Sharifuddin Pirzada's visit here last week during which he met with the Amir discussing a number of Islamic issues and the Islamic move to confront pressing issues topped by the Gulf war and the situation in the occupied Arab territories, Al Rashed said.

Minister of State for Services Affairs, Issa Al Mazeidi also briefed the cabinet on results of the fourth civil aviation conference of the Gulf Cooperation Council states which was concluded in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia last week, Al Rashed said.

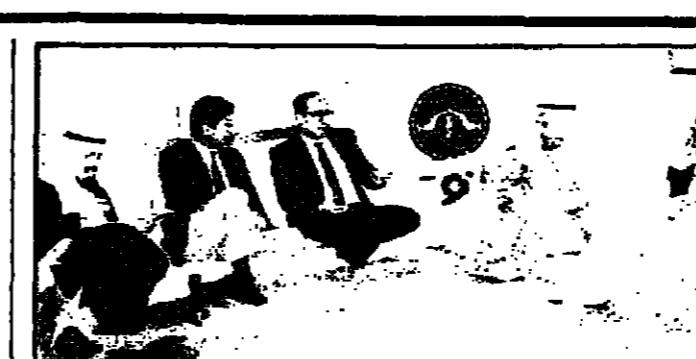
Al Rashed briefed the cabinet on results of the ninth session of the Arab Gulf ministers of social affairs and labour that was concluded here last week, Al Rashed said.

Coordination

He added that Minister of Electricity and Water, Mohamed Al Rifai also reported to the cabinet on results of his official visit to Bahrain that was aimed at boosting bilateral cooperation and coordination in the water and energy fields.

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Participants at the Road Safety Society's weekly seminar discuss a number of issues related to road safety.

Traffic accidents cost Kuwait KD116m

THE Chairman of Kuwait's Road Safety Society Sabah Al Rayes said that traffic accidents in Kuwait cost about KD116 million per year and that although large amounts of money are spent on research to fight disease, research in the area of traffic accidents, which claim numerous lives yearly, is unheard of.

The Associate Professor at the faculty of medicine at Kuwait University Dr Mahmoud Al Sharif, speaking about psychological factors affecting

drivers, said that drivers of heavy vehicles who drive recklessly should be educated as to the consequences of such driving. He added that there are about a half a million cars in Kuwait, which is too large a number for a country the size of Kuwait.

Dr Mahmoud Al Bustan spoke on the importance of seat belts and asked that a campaign be launched to convince motorists to wear them. He added that some countries impose fines on drivers who do not use seat belts.

GCC keen on strong information policy

INFORMATION Undersecretary Abd Al Aziz Jaafar said yesterday that the outcome of the meeting for GCC information undersecretaries which concluded in Riyadh on Sunday affirms the keenness of these countries on establishing a strong information policy to serve peoples of the region as well as Arab interests.

He explained that the committee which had been set up to prepare for the conference had met several times and a special committee had been set up to study scientific papers presented for discussion at the conference.

These papers focus on consumption, agricultural marketing, cooperative training and integration among Arab cooperative organisations.

Public lavatories contract signed

TWO contracts were signed on Sunday between Kuwait Municipality and Kuwait Prefabricated Company for the construction and maintenance of public lavatories in Kuwait City and along highways.

The contract for the city services was for KD42,000 and the one for the highway services was for KD37,200. Both had a time limit of 45 days and were signed by Kuwait Municipality's Director General Rashed Al Othman.

Charges for medical services

THE Minister of Kuwait's Public Health Ministry Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said that in addition to medical expenses being charged to visitors in Kuwait, charges will also be made for some aesthetic medical services such as electrolysis, KD30; facial scrub and massage KD20; sauna baths and treatment of skin eruptions, KD30; skin smoothing, KD80 and hair transplants KD20.

Training courses

THE faculty of commerce and political science of Kuwait University will hold a series of training courses for employees in the private and public sectors during the second term of the 1987-88 academic year.

The first course will be from Feb 6 to April 4 and is meant to upgrade the skill of people working on projects.

The concept of productivity, productivity analysis, monitoring techniques, ways to increase quality production and computerisation of production processes will be among the subjects covered during the course.

Egyptian cultural week in Doha

CAIRO, Jan 18. (Kuna): Egyptian Industry Minister Mohamed Abdel Wahab will on Friday pay a three-day visit to Qatar, it was announced today.

The Middle East News Agency (Mena) said the minister will be accompanied by chairman of Egypt's International Exhibitions and Fairs Authority Farouk Al Bakri and will take part in inauguration of the Egyptian products exhibition and the Egyptian cultural week which are due to open next Saturday in Doha.

New university graduates to fill teaching positions

THE Director of Kuwait's Jaha Educational Area Ibrahim Al Khal said that the ministry will attempt to employ full session graduates from Kuwait University to fill teaching positions and that the ministry had started interviewing these graduates during the last few days.

Al Khal said that the Jaha area suffered from a significant shortage of teachers this year and had made every effort to solve the problem by transferring teachers from other area schools to Jaha and by contracting teachers from other Arab countries.

The director said that a large number of new schools will be

built in the Jaha area during the present Five Year Plan and that new schools will reduce the number of temporary classrooms ins-

talled in some schools in an effort to alleviate crowded classrooms.

The Education Ministry is paying special attention to the provision of intensive coursework for students who need extra help, especially after preventing private institutes from offering private lessons for students, he said, adding that the ministry had recently issued a circular organising courses held in the schools, for which a small fee would be charged. He added that many students who would benefit from these courses refuse to take them because they are offered in the afternoon.

Private schools solve a serious problem facing the ministry, he said, by providing an education programme for a large number of pupils, he said. He added that a private university will be built in the country to admit expatriates and Kuwaiti students who have not been accepted at Kuwait University.

It is exciting work," she said in an interview. "I have found a new key-hole limpet, a rock-boring mollusc not seen live before, and several shells not yet identified but certainly new. I expect to find more of importance."

She describes several species of shell new to science in nearly 20 scientific papers to her credit.

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GULF PRESS

Gulf newspapers hail Palestinian uprising

NEWSPAPERS in the Arab Gulf states yesterday hailed the ongoing Palestinian popular uprising in the occupied Arab territories.

The Saudi Al Madina newspaper said the uprising has emphasised that the force from which Israel derives its existence will not be able to hold in face of the will of the Palestinian people and their determination to restore their legitimate rights.

The Saudi Al Youm newspaper said Israel has committed a mistake by thinking that it can finish off with the Palestinian ambitions through its iron-fist policy.

The newspaper called on all Palestinian commando groups to unite in one front and emphasised that the Israeli enemy will not understand anything except the language of force.

The Saudi Al Riyadh newspaper said the uprising has put the world vis-a-vis a clear fact that the practices of Israel are not only against the civilised behaviour, but are also barbaric, inhumane and immoral.

The newspaper recalled that Lord Bernadotte was a UN envoy killed by Jewish gangs in 1948. It said another UN envoy, Mamack Goulding, has received a warning that he might be second UN emissary to be killed if his stay in Palestinian refugee camps took a

long time.

Goulding had to duck for cover last Saturday to avoid rubber bullets shot by Israeli soldiers in Balata refugee camp which he was visiting to get acquainted with the situation there.

In Doha, the Qatari Al Ray newspaper said the employment of the Israeli enemy of "the economic war" and its attempt to starve the Palestinian people will not achieve anything, but will further fuel the resolve of the Palestinians and will expose the ugliness of the Zionists to the world.

Qatari Al Arab newspaper said the killing of scores of Palestinians and arresting thousands of them in the occupied territories in addition to the demolishing of houses and deporting of detainees, require an active Arab political effort on the international level and with the big powers which maintain strong relations with Arab countries.

The English-language Gulf Times called on the international community to put real pressure on the Zionist entity as to stop its terrorist practices against the Palestinian people in the occupied territories.

The paper emphasised that international stances supportive of the Palestinian rights should be translated into actions, such as stopping cooperation with the Zionist entity and providing the Palestinians with the required support.

Siamese twins in critical condition

By Jadranka Porter

KUWAIT'S surgeons have begun contacting international experts in an effort to solve the case of the Siamese twins, who were in critical condition yesterday.

Fifteen doctors from Ibn Sina and Chest Diseases hospital who met yesterday to discuss the case are not planning surgery because of serious congenital abnormalities in both babies.

"We don't want to experiment with them. If they have to die let them die in peace," said Dr Mahmoud Al Bader, the chairman of paediatric surgery at the Chest Diseases hospital.

Specialised examinations have revealed severe deformities in the babies' hearts, lungs, kidney and liver. The twins share one liver. Each baby has got one normal and one underdeveloped lung. One baby has got one kidney while the other has none. Although the twins have two hearts these are joined and each heart has one instead of two ventricles.

Meanwhile, Al Bader authorised yesterday the general plan for fighting flies in Wafra area.

The plan, which was proposed by assistant undersecretary for financial affairs at the ministry and chairman of anti-rodents committee, Abd Latif Al Mijim, will be implemented as of next Feb 1 in cooperation with Ahmad Al Mijim, the chairman of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries and Wafra agricultural society.

Attempts elsewhere in the world to separate Siamese twins with similar abnormalities have failed, Al Bader said. The Minister of Health, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi visited the twins on Sunday and expressed his confidence in the decision taken by specialists.

The Egyptian couple, the parents of the twins, accepted the doctors' decision with relative calm saying that what happened to them was God's will.

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lose both of them," Al Bader said.

Dr Al Bader said the chances are that the two hearts cannot be used to save one baby primarily because the wall between the two ventricles is perforated and oxygenated blood cannot be separated from non-oxygenated.

This condition is a threat to their lives.

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EVENTS

Arab art season opens in London

Lure of the orient

LONDON, Jan 18. (Kuna): The 1988 season of Arab art exhibitions got underway in London last week with a collection of 19th century watercolours of Arabia entitled "The Lure of the Orient."

The exhibition at Mathaf Gallery will be followed later this month by displays at the Kufa and Zamana Galleries.

The Mathaf display concentrates on the theme of the Middle East in a "glorious variety of works by the best known orientalists," said the gallery's chairman Brian MacDermott.

On show are the works of such orientalists as John Frederick Lewis, Carl Werner and Carl Haag, both Germans, and Luigi Mayer, Italian. The watercolours by William Wyld, Walter Tydale, Joseph Bell and many others are also exhibited.

The orientalists were a group of Western artists who

travelled extensively in the Middle East during the last century.

They had an eye for human and natural phenomenon and were particularly fascinated by scenes of every day life in the Arab World.

Consequently mosques, bedouins on horses or camels, traders in the bazaar, street musicians or pilgrims returning from Makkah lend colour and mystery to the exhibition.

Realism

Orientalists were noted for their realism and obsessive attention to detail, evident in their depiction of architecture and decoration on buildings as well as Arab dress.

Italian orientalists used strong colours while the British favoured the muted tones particularly enhanced by the medium of watercolour.



"Greetings in the Desert," water-colour, John Frederick Lewis.

German pianist enthralls audience

GERMAN master pianist Wolfram Lorenzen enthralled a select audience of diplomats and Kuwaiti business at a special performance held yesterday at the Hilton Hotel.

Lorenzen, who is one of Germany's rising stars, is on his second visit to Kuwait.

Lorenzen captivated the audience with his fine rendition of three waltzes by Chopin in D-Flat Major, C-Flat Major and A-Flat Major, performed with controlled sensitivity. He displayed his excellent musical technique in Beethoven's Sonata in C-Flat Major.

The programme also included music by Schubert, Mozart and Liszt. Lorenzen has won international acclaim due to his speed and precision and sensitive style.

Lorenzen comes from a family of musicians and acquired his technique under Prof. Klaus Linder in Baser and later studied at master classes with Wilhelm Kempf. He plays regularly with major orchestras and has toured extensively.

The concert was sponsored



Wolfram Lorenzen pictured with West German Ambassador Dr Bernd Wulffen.

by Lufthansa, Siemens-AG-Negeco, Al Rabiah Construction Company and the Kuwait Hilton. It was held under the patronage of Dr Bernd

Wulffen, ambassador of Federal Republic of Germany.

Lorenzen will give a public recital tonight at 8 pm in the Kuwait Hilton Hotel.

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WILDLIFE

Lipizzan stallions combine power and grace

Baryshnikovs of the equine world

By Hattie Clark

WADSWORTH, Ill.: They're the Baryshnikovs of the equine world, combining power with the grace of clouds. Manes flowing, they leap. They kick. And they piroquette to the roncos of Mozart, the waltzes of Strauss.

The Lipizzan stallions are truly spectacular, and they seem to know it.

Mirroring one another's movements, they trot and canter through their quadrille with the precision of a corps de ballet, each maintaining its space and place throughout. Any doubts about their exactitude in executing the choreography are wiped away when one studies the geometric patterns made by hoof prints in the sand. No sloppy circles here. No zigzags.

Throughout the summer, the white stallions and their riders perform each Wednesday and Sunday at Tempel Farms in Wadsworth, Ill., midway between Chicago and Milwaukee. Capacity crowds, shaded by canopies, circle the outdoor arena. This is the only place in North America where the public can regularly see classical horsemanship by Lipizzans in the tradition of the Spanish Riding School of Vienna.

Right off, the performance frolics when foals are let loose in the arena. While mares promenade, their offspring cavort like little kids at school recess. The Lipizzans are born dark, gradually growing lighter, with most turning white between ages 7 and 10. Only 1 per cent of the horses remain dark into adulthood, and following tradition, Tempel Farms always retains a dark one; at present, it's a pure-black stallion, a rarity.

As expected, the program's "Airs Above the Ground" segment takes the Lipizzans into the air in moves natural to stallions when frisking and fighting. In earlier times, cavaliars capitalised upon these movements, turning them into battle manoeuvres. The le vade helped shield a soldier from an



Off duty mare and foal: Lipizzans are born dark and white between the ages of 7 and 10.

enemy's frontal attack. Balanced on haunches with front feet in the air, the stallion's body makes a protective screen for his rider. It's a position often immortalised in bronze by park chandeliers.

In the courbette, the stallion stands on hind legs, then executes several forward jumps, a manoeuvre destined to scare infantry soldiers standing below. The capriole proved brutal for both man and beast advancing from behind. With a leap like Pegasus' flight, the stallion kicks out with back legs while suspended in midair. Tempel audiences are treated to all three of these moves, with and without riders. Although the manoeuvres are tied to cavalries of the past, the military association pales when you see them dance, like dandelion fluff flying free in spring, or winter snow sifted down on cathedral spires. Somehow, the stallions' beauty transcends battles. The Lipizzans go back to the late 1500s, when the royal Hapsburgs selected a site near the village of Lipizza (in what is now Yugoslavia) for the cross-breeding of domestic mares with imported Spanish stallions, the coveted mounts of the time. The horses of Lipizza

were to be magnificent, suitable for stocking the stables of the royal court. They were. And are. Today Austrian Lipizzans perform at Vienna's Spanish Riding School in a hall resplendent with baroque ceiling and chandeliers.

About 1,200 Lipizzans exist in the world today, with Tempel Farms serving as home for the largest privately owned herd, now numbering 153. The late Tempel Smith, founder of Chicago's Tempel Steel Company, started the herd in 1958, when he imported 20 Lipizzans from Austria. Public performances didn't begin at Tempel Farms until 1982. The Lipizzans are more museum pieces than marketable commodities. "There's no real demand for horses with these unique talents, because there're only two places in the world that have Lipizzan performances like this," explains Roberta Williams, director of programmes, development and a rider in the young stallion segment. "We have horses here that no amount of money would make us part with them. But then we have some at different stages in training that we do sell," she says. The saleable Lipizzans carry price tags from

several thousand to \$20,000 or more.

A Lipizzan is not a performer of big-top tricks, but rather like an athlete developed through years of training, according to Alf Athenstaedt, performance director. Mr Athenstaedt, a native of Germany, is an expert in classical dressage, who came to Tempel Farms in 1965 for a "visit" — and stayed.

Classical dressage (which means training in French) is a highly disciplined equestrian style. Lipizzan stallions and their dressage riders train together for years, refining their technique and bonding their mutual respect. In classical dressage, a rider communicates with the horse through the slightest flick of a finger on the reins, through movements of the lower leg, and shifts of weight in the saddle. The signs are so subtle that most go unseen by observers.

When horse and rider perform in perfect harmony, with the two melding into one motion, then classical dressage is elevated from "style" to an art form. But sadly, it's an ephemeral art form — kept alive only in memory.

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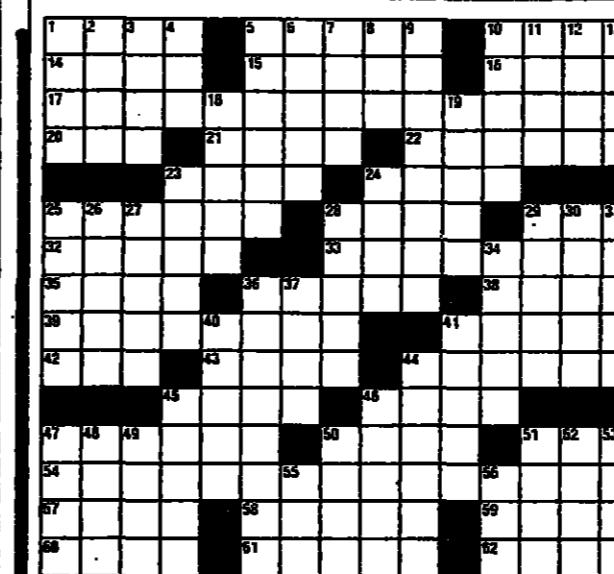
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
THE GREAT DEFLECTION

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH

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- ♦ 7 6

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- ♦ A 4
- ♦ 10 9 5 2

SOUTH

- 1 ♠
- 1 ♣
- 1 NT
- 4 ♠
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- Pass
- Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

When Dorothy Kice Sims perfected the psychic bid, its usual form was to open the bidding with values far short of an opening bid, generally in a suit where the opening bidder was short. For while that sowed confusion in the ranks, and the tactic enjoyed a spell of great popularity.

Eventually, however, even average players learned to cope with that sort of bluff, and the psychic bid fell into disrepute, only to return in another, more dangerous, guise. Instead of being wielded with a mallet, it was used with a velvet glove to camouflage the distribution of a

hand or to deflect an opening lead. It is a tactic that works even in the most exalted company, as this hand from a world championship event proves.

You won't find North's one no trump overall in any bridge textbook we know of. In those times you will learn that you need 8-10 points and a stopper for such action. But North knew that his hand was worthless defensively, and even detracted from his partner's defensive capacity. Or offense, however, his trick-taking ability was enormous, so he wanted to deter his non-vulnerable opponents from sacrificing.

He reaped no immediate reward, for East blasted into four spades. Nevertheless, when North persevered with five hearts, both opponents decided that they had enough.

Now North's bidding really paid off handsomely. A glance at the full diagram shows that a club lead would have defeated the hand. West can ruff the third round with a trump higher than anything in dummy. But an unsuspecting West led his ace of spades, and it was all over. Declarer ruffed on the table, drew trumps in two rounds, then set up diamonds by ruffing the third round. A spade ruff provided an entry to dummy, so he ended up with an overtrick, losing only one club.

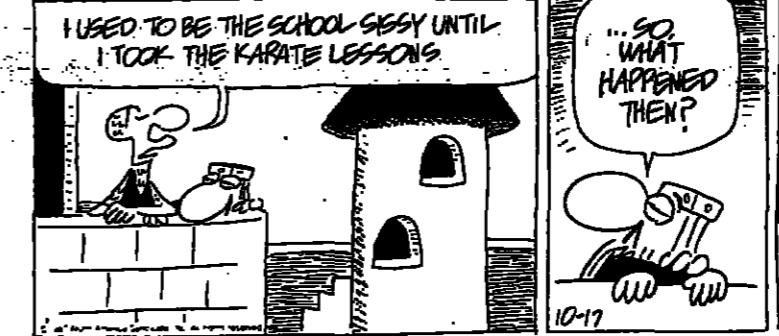


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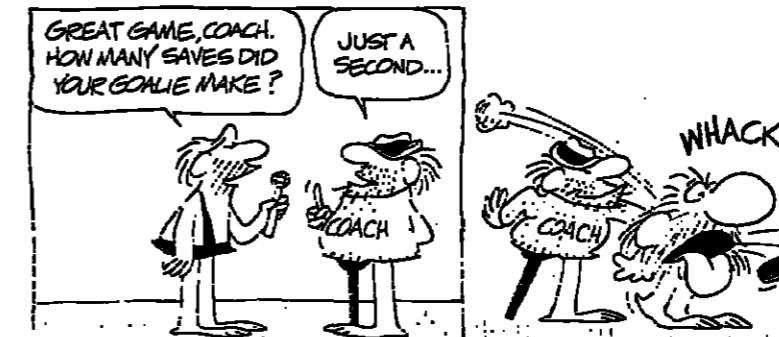
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to be rather irritable and should do your best to keep away from persons who irritate you. You should deliberate carefully before you make up your mind. Try not to think negative thoughts. Be sensible.



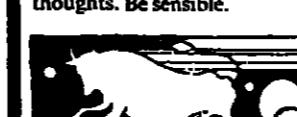
Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

The planetary influence will tend to be rather in your favour but you must try to avoid running any obvious risks. You will be able to make progress with a personal matter. You should do all you can to avoid getting into an argument.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Something you began some time ago will now begin to take effect. Do not permit others to take advantage of you. One of your ideas will not find a great deal of favour, nevertheless. Be generous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You will be better able to organise your day. Now is the time to do something about a problem you have been putting to one side. You should avoid jumping to conclusions. Be

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

ALWAYS do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest — Mark Twain, US writer-humorist (1835-1910).

Israeli expulsions break some hearts

By Marcus Eliason

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): To most Israelis, the four Palestinians expelled from the occupied West Bank for fomenting anti-Israeli unrest are little more than a string of names, ages and prison records.

But not to Dalia Landau. One of the deportees, Bashir Al Khairy, is her friend, and their friendship illuminates the anguish many Israelis feel about their Palestinian neighbours.

It seems an unlikely relationship. The 40-year-old Israeli woman is described by friends as extremely private and not given to public gestures. The Palestinian is an avowed militant who has spent 15 years in prison as a convicted guerrilla.

Letter
Last week, while in a hospital waiting to give birth to her first child Mrs Landau heard to her dismay that Al Khairy was being deported. She wrote him a letter, then decided to publish it.

Her husband Yehezkel typed her longhand draft and took it to the Jerusalem Post, which published it Thursday across nearly half its back page.

As one editor remarked: "It was one of the most moving things I ever read."

The story of this friendship is filled with poignant Middle Eastern imagery — a stone house, a lemon tree, an old man's tears, a young man's anger and a pregnant woman's fears for the world that awaits her child.

"We got to know each other 20 years ago under unusual and unexpected circumstances," the letter begins. "Ever since, we have become part of each other's lives."

Meeting

They first met after the 1967 Mideast war when Al Khairy showed up at the house where she and her family lived. The house, in the central Israeli city of Ramle, was where Al Khairy was born. The Al Khairys had fled when Israel took Ramle in 1948. Now it was occupied by Dalia Landau and her family, immigrants from Bulgaria.

Al Khairy's visit "was my first encounter with Palestinians," wrote Mrs Landau. She then visited his family in the West Bank city of Ramallah. They disagreed profoundly on politics. She believed in a Jewish state. He believed Zionism was a crime. But they became good friends.

Suharto cracks down on corruption

By Jeremy Cliff

JAKARTA. (Reuter): President Suharto has signalled a crackdown on widespread corruption in Indonesia, urging young people to be the government's "eyes and ears" and report on graft suspects.

Saying corruption in South-East Asia's largest nation was getting worse, Suharto said young people should become the "eyes and ears of the authorities in fighting waste and embezzlement of development funds."

"The President has given a go signal, and this signifies the political will of the government to remedy the situation," former state prosecutor H.M. Dadi told the Indonesian daily Kompas.

Suharto, 66, made his remarks to Indonesia's National Youth Committees, sparking a debate in the Indonesian press about whether it was possible to eradicate corruption in a country where it has become almost endemic.

Officials

The deputy chairman of the Parliament's economic and finance committee, Messakh, said the main problem was finding officials strong enough to stand up to corruption.

In many departments there was a kind of under-the-counter cooperation between senior officials and their staff, he said.

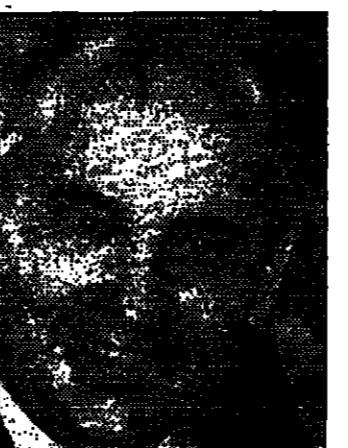
The Indonesian Observer said it was time to bring in tougher sentences for corrupt officials.

Several members of Parliament said that in the present tight economic situation there was no room for corruption.

"Everybody knows that development must go on and it requires a lot of funding. Therefore everybody should be aware of this and refrain from jeopardising the state coffers," he said.



Reagan



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Major world issues in 1988

The new year has so far not produced any political surprises. The expected important events to happen are a Soviet troops withdrawal from Afghanistan and the superpower summit in Moscow.

cuts, likely to start at mid-year, will be crucial.

Western Europe is heavily out-gunned by its communist-governed neighbours but Western nations are reluctant to spend more on defence as the social security costs of aging populations rise, and currencies soar against the sliding US dollar, making exports expensive.

In elections in Sweden and Finland, centrist governments are expected to retain control.

In France's balloting this spring, right and left hope to end the "cohabitation" of a socialist President, Francois Mitterrand, and a conservative-dominated national assembly.

Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico: Conservative Prime Minister Edward Seaga of Jamaica is expected to call for early elections in 1988, although the constitution does not require them before April 1989. He faces stiff opposition from Michael Manley, a socialist and former prime minister whose party boycotted the 1983 snap elections.

On Oct 25, Grenadians will celebrate the fifth anniversary of the US-led invasion that followed the execution of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop. Most Grenadians still call the US intervention a "rescue mission."

Puerto Rico will hold gubernatorial elections in November, with one of the likely outcomes being a referendum in 1989 to decide whether the island remains a US commonwealth, becomes the 51st state or an independent nation.

South America

SANTIAGO, Chile: South America enters the new year on a treadmill of economic woes and political uncertainty that will keep many young democracies running hard not to lose ground.

In giant Brazil, declining popular support has set the three-year-old civilian government of President Jose Sarney adrift amid economic confusion, and he could see his six-year term cut to four years in early 1988.

President Raul Alfonsin of Argentina enters the fifth year of a six-year term with resurgent inflation, a renewed Peronist opposition and an increasingly restive military. In Peru, leftist guerrillas, an unravelling economy and political polarisation are challenging President Alan Garcia's ability to govern.

East German and Bulgarian officials have voiced support for Soviet-style reforms, but little change has taken place despite indications of public support.

It also remains to be seen whether Czechoslovakia's new leader, Milos Jakes, will advocate economic reform.

Western Europe

LONDON: West Europeans will look more to each other for defence in 1988 as the United States starts pulling out its land-based nuclear missiles under the US-Soviet arms control agreement.

Britain and France, the only nuclear powers, plan a joint venture after agreeing to build a new air-launched nuclear missile.

France and West Germany are due to form a joint defence council and a joint military brigade, while the seven-nation West European Union will try to bolster the European pillar of Nato.

Talks on conventional arms

Some officials have called for all ministers, high-ranking civil servants and members of Parliament to declare their financial status before taking office.

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Alarming

"The fact is that people now feel that corruption has reached an alarming stage and that prompt legal measures are imperative," said Nursyahbani, Kajusungkana, director of the European pillar of Nato.

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Japan has specifically singled out corruption as a factor deterring investment in Indonesia.

But the President, expected to be reappointed for a fifth five-year term as head of the world's largest Muslim nation in March, has said action requires concrete proof of corruption.

"If we cannot prove the offence, it will only be an empty charge. There will be no (legal) action because ours is a state based on law," he declared.

"If the corrupt man's wrong-doings are not found out by his fellow men on earth, it will be unmasked in the hereafter," he said.

But the ranks of the homeless are burgeoning too. At the end of 1986, the latest date covered by most of the report, 22,000

million by the year 2025 — mainly through people living longer.

in their seventh presidential election since democracy was installed in 1958. In Colombia, where representative government has reigned since 1953, many citizens are calling for a firmer hand by President Virgilio Barco against leftist guerrillas, right-wing death squads and narcotics traffickers.

Chile's 14-year-old military government plans a plebiscite this year on a single presidential candidate to be picked by the armed forces. President Augusto Pinochet, an Army general, spent 1987 stumping the country in an apparent bid for the presidency.

Gen. Alfredo Stroessner, Paraguay's President since 1954, is expected to win an eighth term

in 1988.

South Korea hopes the Olympics in Seoul will help focus attention on its economic boom in the past decade, and promote stability after a year of turmoil leading to the election of a new president, the government-backed Roh Tae-woo. He is scheduled to take office in February in the nation's first peaceful transition of power.

In the Philippines, elections

Jan 18 for mayors, governors and local officials are seen as the most important since President Corazon Aquino came to power in February 1986.

The conflict in Kampuchea enters its 10th year. Prospects of more talks between resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Kampuchea's pro-Vietnamese Premier, Hun Sen, have raised hopes, after their first meeting in Paris in December.

Reforms

China is expected to forge ahead with thorny political reforms, including efforts to reduce the Communist Party's role in running government and business. More leadership changes are expected at the National People's Congress in March.

In February, Hong Kong officials will report on plans for representative government.

China, which takes over the British colony in 1997, opposes any major changes, so leaders probably will suggest nothing more than direct elections for some legislative council seats in 1991.

Japan and the four "little dragons" — South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore — will compete for export markets in an era of the weak US dollar. The region will watch for signs elsewhere of trade protectionism.

Middle East

NAIROBI: "Exhausted — economies and mounting debts, dozens of miniwars and civil wars and threats of famine in Ethiopia and Mozambique give Africa little cheer for 1988.

The best news for Africa could be increased trade among neighbours. In Southern Africa black states are trying to wean themselves away from economic dependency on troubled South Africa. Elsewhere, governments find it too expensive to import goods from other continents when a neighbour, even a quarrelsome one, can deliver the goods.

Zimbabwe, which in 1980 became Africa's newest independent nation, followed most of its sister states by dumping the Western-style, multiparty political system for a one-party state.

Military rulers in Nigeria, Africa's most populous state with 100 million people, plan continued local elections leading to civilian rule in 1990.

Africa, excluding South Africa, ended 1987 owing a total of \$500 billion. The Organisation of African Unity has asked lenders to write off or reschedule debts and wants an international meeting to discuss Africa's money problems.

Many African countries are feuding with neighbours or are wracked by domestic fighting. The superpowers dabble in several conflicts.

In Ethiopia and Mozambique, civil war will continue to sap already fragile economies and push millions of people toward the brink of starvation.

Asia

TOKYO: The summer Olympics, economic readjustment, a 10-year-old conflict in Southeast Asia and political turmoil in South Korea and the Philippines top the list of major issues in Asia

that the report said will move Britain's population into second place in the 12-member European Economic Community, still behind the 61 million West Germans, but overtaking the 57 million Italians.

Among the most dramatic changes revealed in the report, compiled annually by the Central Statistical Office, was a sharp rise in numbers of solitary householders, now nearly one-fourth of the population, and in illegitimate births.

The increased numbers living alone, up from one-fifth of Britons in 1981 and only one-tenth in 1951, is not simply the result of aging, the report showed. Two million of the 5.2

million solitary householders are under 60.

Britons are marrying later — the average age for men was 26.3 years in 1986, up from 24.6 in 1971, and for women 24.1, up from 22.6.

They head the West European divorce figures, with 12.9 divorces per thousand marriages in 1986, or three per thousand people, but lag well behind the US rate of 4.9 per thousand.

The report said the average disposable income of British households nationwide, allowing for inflation, rose by 30 per cent between 1976 and 1986 to £243.9 billion (then \$365.8 billion).

Test

Mikhail Gorbachev said in December he would be willing to withdraw the estimated 115,000 Soviet troops within 12 months if the United States stops aiding Afghan Muslim fundamentalist who are fighting Soviet forces and Afghanistan's Soviet-supported government.

Hopes for a breakthrough centre on United Nations-sponsored negotiations scheduled for February in Geneva between Afghanistan and Pakistan, the base for many Afghan guerrilla groups and the chief pipeline for their arms.

Elsewhere on the Asian sub-continent, Sri Lanka and India are plagued by rebellious minorities, Bangladesh is bogged down by strikes and demonstrations, and Pakistan seems likely to continue on a steady course under its military President, Gen. Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto, whose father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was overthrown by Zia in 1977 and later hanged, has made little headway in her campaign to oust Zia.

Challenged

Sri Lanka sought India's aid in 1987 to end an insurgency by Tamil separatists, but Indian troops are now mired in a guerrilla war in Sri Lanka's swamps and jungles.

At home, India's Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi will continue to see his authority challenged by Sikh separatists in Punjab and by charges that he has permitted corruption and cronyism in his government.

President Hossein Mohammad Ershad of Bangladesh is likely to be the region's biggest loser, whether or not he keeps the office he attained through a 1982

million-dollar coup.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1493 — France and Spain sign Treaty of Barcelona; Maximilian, King of the Romans, saves Germany from French invasion at battle of Salins.

1649 — Trial of England's King Charles I begins.

1795 — French forces overrun Holland.

1812 — British forces under Duke of Wellington take Ciudad Rodrigo in Spain.

1859 — France and Sardinia sign Treaty of Alliance.

1918 — Bolsheviks dissolve Russian constitutional assembly in Petrograd.

1938 — General Francisco Franco's nationalist Air Force bombs Spanish cities of Barcelona and Valencia, killing 700 people.

1945 — Soviet troops take Cracow, Poland, in World War II.

1956 — Sudan joins Arab League as ninth member.

1960 — United States and Japan sign Treaty of Mutual Security.

1966 — India's new Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, pledges to follow path of non-alignment in world affairs.

1974 — Five Russians, including a senior diplomat and two other members of Soviet embassy staff, are expelled from China on charges of espionage.

1975 — Britain and Irish Republican Army announce first direct negotiations since start of guerrilla activity in Northern Ireland five years earlier.

1986 — Tribal factions clash at Klo

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Nobrega sees debt accord in first half of 1988

SAO PAULO, Jan 18, (Reuters): Finance Minister Mairson Nobrega said in an interview published yesterday he was optimistic Brazil would reach a debt accord with creditors in the first half of 1988.

The interview coincided with talks which began in New York between bankers and a Brazilian delegation led by Central Bank governor Fernando Milliet on how to relieve Brazil's commercial debt problems.

Nobrega told the newspaper O Estado De Sao Paulo that Brazil would adopt a pragmatic stance in order to reach agreement quickly.

Nobrega, a non-party technocrat, took over the finance ministry last week. Brazil's foreign debt totals \$113 billion.

Asked if he would introduce changes in Brazilian debt proposals, he said he would change some basic points.

"In the first place, we are ready to sign an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). But this is not a pre-condition for arriving at an agreement with the banks. It is not necessary that first of all we make an agreement with the fund, to make one afterwards with the banks."

"The negotiation can be parallel, but there will not be a link between these accords. We are going to be pragmatic enough to make a quick agreement because this is important."

Nobrega said it would clearly not be possible to reach an accord with banks by the established deadline of Friday, but there were mechanisms for delaying the deadline.

"We are optimistic and believe that we are going to reach an accord in the first half of 1988," he said.

Brazil will be more secretive than in the past about its debt strategy, he said.

"We have said that the strategy of the external debt has to be secret. I think Brazil has made public statements about this strategy, giving time to creditors to prepare themselves and examine our proposals before sitting down at the negotiating table," he said.

Venezuela earns \$13m from coal exports

CARACAS, Jan 18, (Opecna): Venezuelan coal exports from the Guasara mines in Zulia state have generated more than \$13 million in foreign currency since the first overseas shipment was made in November 1987.

"They don't need to defend the dollar and they have extremely favourable inflation news," said Bruce Smith, senior economist with IDS Financial Services, a Minneapolis-based subsidiary of American Express Co.

Narrowed

The Commerce Department reported on Friday that the monthly US trade deficit had narrowed to \$13.22 billion in November from October's record 17.6 billion deficit as exports surged made in November 1987.

"Coal exports are expected to reach about one million tons this year and plans are in hand to increase the level to 6.5 million tons by 1995."

The Guasara mines are operated by Carbozulia, a joint venture between Petroleos De Venezuela (PDVSA), the state oil company, ACC Venezuela Inc and Agip Carbone of Italy.

PDVSA holds a 49 per cent interest in Carbozulia which was set up last year to develop the Zulia state coal deposits.

Arrangements

Under the arrangements with ACC Venezuela Inc and Agip Carbone, Carbozulia is assured access to sophisticated coal development technology and participation in trade networks in consuming countries.

To handle the Carbozulia Cos, PDVSA is likely to open an overseas office in the Dutch Antilles with headquarters in the Netherlands.

GM to sell assembly line to China

BEIJING, Jan 18, (AP): General Motors Corp. has agreed to sell a \$16.5 million second-hand assembly line to a Beijing engine factory, an official report said today.

GM and Beijing's general internal combustion engine factory are to sign the contract on Thursday.

Operation

The assembly line started operation in 1982, with a production capacity of 300,000 two-liter engines a year, but stopped operation in 1984, the state-run Xinhua news agency said. It did not say why the line was stopped.

The assembly line is expected to start operation in Beijing in late 1990 and to put out 150,000 engines in 1992, it said. The Chinese company will pay for the equipment over 10 years, it added.

Opec cuts output

Oil price haggling reduces purchases

NICOSIA, Jan 18, (AP): Haggling over oil price continues and the amount of Opec crude being lifted by Japanese and Western buyers is lower than expected in a oil newsletter reported today.

Overall, the respected Middle East Economic Survey quoted Nigerian Oil Minister Rilwanu Lukman, president of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, as saying current Opec output is down to between 16 and 16.5 million barrels a day, 2.5-3 million barrels a day less than the level in the fourth quarter of 1987.

MEES said that Kuwait's National Oil Company was

"locked into tough negotiations with its Japanese customers on price terms for contract crude."

With some Opec crude, particularly Iranian, selling at prices well under the Opec-decreed \$18 a barrel, the Japanese buyers are insisting on price concessions.

The Kuwaitis are understood to have felt obliged to examine their price options following widespread market discounting elsewhere, particularly the offering of large volumes of Iranian crude in Europe," the Nicosia-based newsletter said.

Meanwhile it said that Idemitsu, the largest Japanese user of Kuwaiti crude, has served official notice of its

decision to terminate its contracts" for 120,000 barrels a day of Kuwait oil, with effect from Jan 31.

MEES said that Abu Dhabi, the largest producer in the UAE has flatly refused to consider lowering its prices from the Opec level to market levels. It said that as a result first quarter production in the Gulf could fall sharply from its Opec-set quota of 300,000.

Liftings

Two US shareholders in the Abu Dhabi Petroleum Co., Exxon and Mobil have decided to cancel their Abu Dhabi liftings altogether and European shareholders are expected to cut back,

it said.

In a letter to the foreign shareholder-buyers, UAE Oil Minister Mana Saeed Oteiba said, "we would blame you for any economic damage that may be experienced by the UAE as a result of any measures you make take," MEES said.

The letter flatly refused to discuss discounts. "whoever wishes to pursue our oil, this is our price. And whoever does not accept, we have no oil for him" it said.

Negative

Oteiba said the attitude of the companies was "negative" and "would create problems that would spread and affect all."

MEES said Japan and Iran are

still negotiating price but in the meantime, despite Iranian price concessions, Japanese purchases for January and February "will fall substantially short of the original target of 242,000 barrels a day." As of now the totals look like 100,000 barrels a day for January and 200,000 for February.

MEES said it understands that Nigerian production has fallen from its Opec-set quota of 1.3 million barrels a day to around 1 million barrels a day.

The newsletter said this is due to buyers unwilling to pay official prices and Nigeria unwilling to offer oil at market-related prices.

Italian team for Indonesia

JAKARTA, Jan 18, (Opecna): Indonesia will set up a geothermal power plant on Mount Salak, about 60 km south of here, under a \$71 million loan from Italy.

The loan, discussed during the recent visit of Italian Prime Minister Giovanni Giuseppe Goria here, will also include rupiah funds for local expenditures of about \$8.20 million.

Plant

Work on the plant, to consist of two 55 MW generating units, will begin this year and is scheduled for completion in 1992.

The main construction will be carried out by an Italian contractor, but Indonesian firms will also participate.

According to State Minister for National Development Dr Johannes Berchman Sumarlin, the loan agreement will be signed shortly.

Safety net restored for cocoa prices

LONDON, Jan 18, (AP): International intervention-buying in support of a minimum world price for cocoa above the current average market level can resume next Tuesday, leading cocoa producing and consuming countries agreed.

"I hope this decision will help to stabilise the market," said Peter Baron, the consumers' West German spokesman.

Producer delegates generally welcomed the accord, saying that intervention-buying should offset downward pressures on prices from world overproduction and benefit their cash-strapped economies.

"The agreement will provide the market with a safety net," said a Dutch trader, who had forecast a slump in prices next week if the talks had ended in failure. The trader spoke on condition of anonymity.

However, some producers expressed disappointment that more was not achieved at the meeting of the 37-nation International Cocoa Organisation, which began in London on Wednesday.

Supplies

"Sometimes, better a bad agreement than none at all," said chief Ivorian delegate Theodore Del Mel, country's ambassador to Britain.

The cocoa organisation has treaty power to regulate world supplies and prices by buying surplus cocoa for its buffer stock.

Buffer stock-buying has been suspended since mid-June pending a revision of the minimum price to be defined.

Saturday's agreement, according to the text released by the cocoa organisation, cuts the old undefended price by 115 Special Drawing Rights to 1,485 per metric ton.

A Special Drawing Right, or SDR, is a unit created by the International Monetary Fund currently worth fractionally under \$1.39. Its value is calculated daily on the basis of the market value of five major currencies.

Lack

The average cocoa price on the New York and London markets on Friday was 1,423.06 SDRs, equivalent to \$1,977.88, according to cocoa organisation calculations.

Plambeck said that the cocoa organisation held \$140 million, which would be enough to buy 70,000 tons of cocoa.

Delegates said the manager lacked enough cash to buy the maximum 75,000 ton permitted under the cocoa price-stabilisation treaty because of arrears in payment to the buffer stock by the Ivory Coast of \$30 million and by Brazil of \$6 million.

Agreement to reactivate buffer stock-buying was accompanied by the approval of possible supplementary price-support measures, according to the official text.

Turkish team for Iran

TEHRAN, Jan 18, (Opecna): A Turkish delegation will visit Iran next month to finalise a report on the proposed pipeline which will link Iran's southern oilfields with an outlet on the Turkish Mediterranean coast. This was stated here yesterday by Iran's Deputy Petroleum Minister Mohammad Javad Asempour.

On his return from Turkey after 10 days of talks at the head of a delegation on the \$4-billion pipeline, he said the pipeline was a long-term project aimed at making Iran's oil prices competitive on the world oil market. He stated that the agreement to lay a pipeline was signed by the prime ministers of Turkey and Iran two years ago. They had also agreed to study the technical and economic aspects of the project.

The prime minister had further reached an understanding on the construction of a separate gas pipeline for supply of Iranian gas to Turkey and Europe.

World Business Summary

15 pc rise in US farm exports predicted

WASHINGTON, Jan 18, (AP): Farm exports should reach \$32 billion in fiscal 1988, a full 15 per cent more than last year, the Agricultural Department says.

Increasing sales of wheat to China and Egypt, soybeans and cotton to Japan and the European Economic Community, and soybeans, soybean meal and wheat to the Soviet Union should fuel the department's prediction.

It forecasts a US trade surplus in farm products of \$11.5 billion for the 12 months that began Oct 1, an increase of \$4.3 billion from the previous year and the highest level since 1984.

The department placed the surplus in agricultural goods for October at \$853 million, an increase of \$96 million over September.

The department forecasts farm export volume this year to rise to 141 million tons, 12 million tons more than 1987. The improvement reflected a drop in the dollar combined with weather problems for some foreign producers. Authorities also say costly subsidy programmes enacted in 1985 are contributing to the upswing.

Improved sales mark a further turn away from the doldrums of the early 1980s when enormous farm surpluses accumulated and prices sank sharply.

Japan leads the list of potential markets for the increased US farm exports over the next three years to five years, according to a study published by the department's Foreign Agricultural Service.

Based on economic, trade and demographic indicators, Japan ranked first among 20 potential markets in the study.

Four of the top 10 came from the newly industrialised Pacific Basin and four from the European Economic Community. The study said cash-rich countries such as Japan, Taiwan and West Germany are ripe for high-value products such as processed foods, beef, fruits and vegetables, as well as the fast-food industry, restaurants and food products.

US automakers report 17.1 pc profit in car sales

DETROIT, Jan 18, (UPI): The nation's automakers yesterday reported a 17.1 per cent gain in sales of domestically made cars for the first 10 days of January, while sales of light trucks rose 31.8 per cent from year-ago levels despite a cold snap which paralysed dealerships. While the freezing temperatures that gripped most of the nation during the period somewhat dented sales figures, they were being measured against a year-ago period when showroom activity all but evaporated following a late rush in 1986 to buy before the tax law changes for 1987. The eight companies, General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co., Chrysler Corp., Honda Motor Corp., Volkswagen of America, Nissan Motor Manufacturing USA, Toyota Motor Sales USA, and Mazda Motor Manufacturing (USA) Corp., reported combined sales of 110,353 cars, or 15,765 cars per day, during the Jan 1-10 period. This compares with 107,735 units or 13,467 cars per day, sold in the year-ago period. Sales of US-made light trucks totalled 59,413 or 8,483 units per day, up 31.8 per cent from 51,524 or 6,441 units sold per day a year ago. Both domestic and import carmakers sold about 10.2 million cars last year, down 10.6 per cent from 1986. Light truck sales reached a record 4.9 million units, up 1 per cent from the previous year. For the latest Jan 1-10 period, GM's sales rose a scant 3.9 per cent, while Ford posted a strong 35.5 per cent gain. Chrysler, which acquired American Motors Corp. last year, reported a 14.2 per cent gain in sales when compared with the combined total a year ago. Among the smaller companies, sales of Honda's US-built models rose 25.7 per cent, while Volkswagen domestic-made models showed an 18.3 per cent slide. Nissan posted an 8.1 per cent decrease in sales on a daily selling rate. Toyota's domestically-made car sales were off 29.4 per cent. Mazda said it sold only 83 of its new MX-6 coupes produced at its Michigan assembly plant.

Evren visits Algeria to boost economic cooperation

ANKARA, Jan 18, (Reuters): Turkey opens a drive to win foreign recognition for its economic success and efforts to achieve democracy when President Kemal Evren visits Algeria tomorrow. Turkey was cold-shouldered diplomatically after crackdowns following a military coup in 1980 and international caution persisted when former top politicians were barred from standing in elections in 1983. But diplomats said they judged that the election which returned centre-right Prime Minister Turgut Ozal to power last November was fair. The poll was open to all except communists and other radicals.

Even's visit to Algeria is the first by a Turkish head of state. It is also his first visit to any country west of Turkey since the 1980 coup and the first state trip in a series planned for 1988. Britain's Queen Elizabeth has invited him for a visit possibly in April and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, ideologically close to Ozal, is due to come to Turkey sometime before June to boost relations and business ties.

"The miserable days have been left behind," Algerian ambassador Mohamed El Hadi Hamdoud told the Turkish Daily News newspaper. He was referring to Turkey's abstention in the UN vote on Algerian independence and disagreements about Cyprus and ethnic Turks in Bulgaria. Hamdoud said a deal to supply 1.5 million cubic metres of liquefied natural gas to Turkey might be signed during the visit, helping to even out a trade imbalance in Turkey's favour.

Turkey, selling mostly meat, textiles and white goods, recorded around \$110 million worth of sales to Algeria in the first 10 months of 1987 but bought only \$31 million worth of goods from Algeria, almost all oil products. Evren will be accompanied by officials of the state pipeline company Botas, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmaz and State Minister Kazim Oksay, officials said. The improvement in Turkish-Algerian relations was reflected by the arrival of 33,000 Algerian tourists in Turkey last year, up from 4,000 in 1984.

Agricultural output rises

RIYADH, Jan 18, (Opecna): During the 1987 season, the Saudi Arabian National Company for Agricultural Development produced 96,627 tons of wheat, 24,024 tons of barley and over 72,000 tons of fodder, according to Dr Abdurrahman Al Sheik, Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources. Al Sheik, who chaired the meeting of the company's board of directors here at the weekend, said the company's date factory produced 1,200 tons during same season. The minister added that the company exported a large quantity of fodder to fellow members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), noting that dairy plants produced about 50,000 litres of milk daily in addition to dairy products.

Plan to step up trade ties

DOHA, Jan 18, (Opecna): Qatar and India plan to step up bilateral trade and seek closer economic and technical cooperation. This was the main thrust of the meeting here this weekend of the Indo-Qatari joint commission on technical cooperation. The Indian side was headed by Indian Foreign Secretary A. Gopalas, while the Qatari delegation was led by undersecretary of Industry and agriculture Ahmed Al Mana. At the opening session, the Indian official said that his country was interested in exploring the scope and basis for financial and technical cooperation in Qatari plans to exploit its huge gas reserves and to establish an aluminium project.

He also pledged to improve the trade balance between India and Qatar.

India mainly imports fertilisers from Qatar which buys food-stuff from the South Asian country.

US trade figures give Fed more flexibility

0.3 per cent in December, after they were unchanged in November.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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International Bond Highlights

London — London staff of manufacturers Hanover Corp are likely to be spared severe reductions despite news last Thursday that the New York based bank plans to cut its staff by 2,500 and close some of its offices as part of a restructuring move.

Paris — Caisse Nationale De Credit Agricole said it is issuing for its own account a two billion franc domestic bond in two equal tranches of one billion francs, one with a fixed coupon and the other with a variable.

Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	8.7-3/4	8-9/16 1/2	9-8/78
FFT	3.20/25	3.40/45	3.40/45
PAR	7-7/16 1/2	8-8/18	8-3/8 1/2
ZUR	1/8 3/8	1-3/8 1-5/8	2 2-1/4
BRI	4.50	6-1/2 5/8	6-1/2 5/8
ROM	9 11-1/2	10-1/8 10-5/8	10-3/8 10-7/8
AMS	3.5 4.0	4-1/8 4-1/4	4-3/16 4-5/16
TOK	3.4375 5000	3.7500 8125	3.8750 9375
ECU	6.06 6.31	6.31 6.43	6.62 6.75

Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	3-9/16	4-1/16
3 months	4-5/16	4-7/8
6 months	4-13/16	5-1/4
1 year	4-3/16	5-3/4

BOMBAY

	PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	34.50	34.75	34	WOTALKALI	--	--	
ACC	171	171	166	GRAYON120	--	--	--	MARDACHMT	--	--	
AMHADV	--	--	--	GSFC	107.50	107	109.50	ORKRAY	27.50	27	
AMHADV400	--	--	--	GUJPETRO	--	23	24	PRENATO	28.50	28.75	
ANDRA CEN	10.50	10.25	10	GARLICRON	97.96	95.30	95.30	RAYMOND CD	--	--	
ANDRA VLY	--	--	--	HINDALCO	131	131.25	129	RAYMONHOL	94	92.50	
BAJAJ AUTO	495	492.50	483.75	HNLAMPS	--	--	--	RELIANCE	108	107	
BAL RAYON	160	159	157.50	IND. ORG	20.50	20	19.50	SPIC	33.50	33.75	
BON DYING	117	118	116.50	INDRAYON	55	54	53	STD MILLS	280	270	
BON STOCK PRICES	--	--	--	INDROL	210	208.75	201.25	STD MEDICAL	12.50	14.50	
BSE INDEX	467.65	467.65	467.65	ITC	37	36	37	STEELTECH	14	--	
CENTURYSPI	495	490	480	ITC	--	--	--	TATA PWR	187.50	187.50	
COLGATE	206.25	207.50	203.75	JK 120	--	--	--	TATACHEM	71	70	
DEEPAKERT	34	33	33	JKSYNTH	61.50	61	61	TATAOIL	.83	.84	
DHARMENT	--	--	--	L AND T	92	92.50	90	TELCO	390	390	
FICOM ORG	--	--	--	MAGHAIRAD	--	--	--	UDAIPHOSPH	--	270	
GARURPOLY	--	82	81.50	81	MARINDRA	61	60	60	VOLTAS	270	265

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE
AEG	183.8	175.7	AKAI ELEC	454	450	ASAHI GAS	1730	1730	ASAHI OPT	560	560
ALLIANZ VR	1226.0	1115.0	BAKEMARK	170.0	170.8	BASF	241.5	236.0	BAYER HYP	314.0	305.0
BAYER VER	318.0	310.0	BBC	285.0	278.2	BAYER VER	318.0	310.0	BAYER VER	318.0	310.0
BHF	303.0	294.0	BHM	502.0	465.0	BHM	502.0	465.0	BHM	502.0	465.0
CHEMIE-VER	0	120.0	CITIZEN M	575	570	CITIZEN M	575	570	CITIZEN M	575	570
COMMERZBK	213.0	208.5	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2830	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2830	D-ICHI KAN	2850	2830
CONTI GUHM	195.8	184.0	DAI NIP IK	744	739	DAI NIP IK	744	739	DAI NIP IK	744	739
DAIMER BEN	575.0	554.0	DAI NIP PI	2540	2530	DAI NIP PI	2540	2530	DAI NIP PI	2540	2530
DEUTSC BNK	402.0	387.0	DAI NIP SC	925	900	DAI NIP SC	925	900	DAI NIP SC	925	900
DLW	303.0	305.0	DAI NIP TO	445	450	DAI NIP TO	445	450	DAI NIP TO	445	450
DRESDEN B	228.0	219.5	DAICEL	769	749	DAICEL	769	749	DAICEL	769	749
DT BACCOCK	149.0	148.0	DAIWA R	1540	1520	DAIWA R	1540	1520	DAIWA R	1540	1520
FAZ INDEX	422.65	403.42	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950
GOLDSCHEID	230.5	225.0	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950	DAIWA SEC	3020	1950
GUTENHOFF	0	0	EBRA MFG	801	799	EBRA MFG	801	799	EBRA MFG	801	799
KARPEREN	395.0	392.0	EISAI	2120	2080	EISAI	2120	2080	EISAI	2120	2080
HOECHST AG	247.0	238.5	FUJITSU	1490	1440	FUJITSU	1490	1440	FUJITSU	1490	1440
HORTEN	163.0	158.0	FUJI BAN	3150	3100	FUJI BAN	3150	3100	FUJI BAN	3150	3100
HUSSEL HLD	381.0	384.0	FUJI PHOTO	4120	4090	FUJI PHOTO	4120	4090	FUJI PHOTO	4120	4090
KALI SALZ	119.2	115.0	FUJISAWA	1880	1870	FUJISAWA	1880	1870	FUJISAWA	1880	1870
KARSTADT	352.0	362.2	FUJITA CP	652	650	FUJITA CP	652	650	FUJITA CP	652	650
KAUFHOF	346.0	352.0	HITACHI	1310	1260	HITACHI	1310	1260	HITACHI	1310	1260
KLOECK H	90.7	88.0	HONDA MOT	1380	1330	HONDA MOT	1380	1330	HONDA MOT	1380	1330
KLOECK W	0	75.0	ISETAN	1300	1330	ISETAN	1300	1330	ISETAN	1300	1330
LINDE	550.0	536.0	ITO YOKADO	3920	3820	ITO YOKADO	3920	3820	ITO YOKADO	3920	3820
LUFTHANSA	138.5	131.0	JAP SYR TU	1040	1040	JAP SYR TU	1040	1040	JAP SYR TU	1040	1040
MAN	151.0	143.0	JAPAN AIR	13000	12700	JAPAN AIR	13000	12700	JAPAN AIR	13000	12700
MANNESMAN	107.0	102.8	JAPAN NET	411	410	JAPAN NET	411	410	JAPAN NET	411	410
MERCEDES	474.0	454.0	KAJIMA	1410	1350	KAJIMA	1410	1350	KAJIMA	1410	1350
METALLGES	210.0	200.0	KAHSAI EL	2550	2540	KAHSAI EL	2550	2540	KAHSAI EL	2550	2540
NIXDORF PF	534.5	522.5	KAO SOAP	1840	1820	KAO SOAP	1840	1820	KAO SOAP	1840	1820
NOKSR HYD	41.10	38.50	KAMASAKI H	289	285	KAMASAKI H	289	285	KAMASAKI H	289	285
PHILIP KOM	619.0	597.0	KIRIN BREW	2090	2020	KIRIN BREW	2090	2020	KIRIN BREW	2090	2020
POSCHE	440.0	420.0	KONATSU	603	598	KONATSU	603	598	KONATSU	603	598
PREUSSAG	112.5	105.0	KOBATO LTD	558	555	KOBATO LTD	558	555	KOBATO LTD	558	555
RHEIN	207.0	199.0	KOYECERA	5770	5600	KOYECERA	5770				

Gold prices down

Dollar and shares hold ground

NEW YORK, Jan 18. (Reuters): The dollar was little changed and stocks were higher in very light trading today on the holiday, commemorating the birth of the assassinated US civil rights leader Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

While stocks and currency markets were open, the US government, treasury markets and many banks were closed.

Stocks traders said volume was expected to decline markedly by late afternoon.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 8 points at 1,964 on very slow mid-morning turnover of 82 million shares.

Boosted

Brokers said that despite the lack of major players, investor confidence was slightly boosted due to the better-than-expected decline in the US November trade deficit which was released on Friday.

Today's gain came on the heels of the 39.96 point gain in the Dow index on Friday.

The dollar held onto gains made in Friday trading, with the US currency trading in a quiet, narrow range. It was at 1.6845 marks and 130.20 yen, near Friday's close of 1.6875 marks.

EEC-GCC economic accord predicted

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, Jan 18. (AP): A representative of the European Economic Community predicted today that the first phase of an accord with Gulf Cooperation Council nations could be signed in April or May.

But the negotiator, Charles Caporale, warned at a press briefing that some conflicts must be resolved before the first-phase agreement can be signed. He arrived here Saturday for the talks.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the UAE. The two-stage accord that is under deliberation is meant to deal with the thorny issue of tariffs imposed by the EEC on imports of petrochemicals from the Gulf.

Negotiations for the first-phase agreement, dealing with political matters between the two blocks, will take place in Brussels, Belgium, on March 2 or 3, and if successful could lead to the agreement being officially signed a month or two later, he said.

Conclusive

"The next round ... in Brussels could be conclusive. We could sign this agreement in April or May. It is not unrealistic to think so," he said.

The second phase of the agreement is supposed to deal solely with trade, and might be completed in about a year.

But Caporale said a disagreement over the status of EEC tariffs on GCC petrochemicals during the negotiations for the second phase may disrupt the first phase.

The Europeans want the tariffs to be frozen between the signing of the first phase and the signing of the second. The GCC wants the tariffs rolled back.

"The only real point of conflict on the first phase agreement concerns the (tariff) standstill period," he told the reporters. "We have proposed a standstill on tariffs until the second phase can be agreed upon. That has been rejected by the GCC."

"This is one of the main points to be negotiated and is crucial to reaching an agreement."

Relations

In a prepared statement, Caporale said the two organisations wanted a formal agreement to govern their relations because of strong common political and trade relations.

"It seems not normal to have no contractual links, especially because the (European) Community has concluded a large network of agreements throughout the world and in particular with neighbour countries of the GCC," he said in a prepared statement.

IDB annual meeting planned

JEDDAH, Jan 18. (Opecna): The procedures committee of the board of governors of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) held a meeting here at the weekend to finalise arrangements for the 12th annual meeting of the board to be held on March 7 in Tunisia.

The meeting was chaired by the Tunisian Planning Minister Mohamed El Ghanouchi and included Turkish State Minister Dr Yusuf Ozal, Nassir Bin Mohamed Al Hajri, alternate governor for Qatar, and Komodor Hamidou, Cameron ambassador to Saudi Arabia.

The meeting was also attended by IDB President Dr Ahmad Mohamed Ali.

and 130.90 yen. The British pound was unchanged at \$1.7720.

The dollar and shares both rose on international markets today, but dealers overseas said they were wary of pushing financial markets too far, too fast in response to the sharp drop in the US trade deficit.

"While the market is able to hold onto gains, and that is a good sign of investor confidence, the Federal Reserve still needs to bring rates down a bit more before consumers come back to stocks," said a Richmond, Virginia-based stock analyst.

Decline

The 30-year US Treasury bond, considered the bellwether of the market, closed on Friday at 8.79 per cent, a sharp decline from the 9.03 per cent on Thursday, before the US trade figure was released.

In London, the FTSE 100-share index gained 0.75 per cent to rise above 1,800 points and West German shares jumped 5 per cent.

At noon the London index was a net 17 points higher at 1,803.7. However, volume was light, which dealers said mainly reflected

persistent worries over the longer-term US trade and budget position.

In Tokyo, the world's biggest market, the Nikkei 225-share average rose 306.55 points, or 1.36 per cent, to end its first trading day since Thursday at 22,910.20. But second thoughts prevailed there, too. The index had soared nearly 508 points in the first 35 minutes of trading and then eased off.

Relieved

"The market was relieved, but there are still people who want to sell," said Tadaaki Uehara, deputy general manager of Wako Securities in Tokyo. "The horizon is not totally clear yet."

The price of gold, often seen as a haven when other investments weaken, was fixed in London at \$475.85 an ounce, down \$6 from Friday's close.

But despite the US report on Friday that its trade deficit for November fell to \$13.22 billion from a record monthly gap of \$17.6 billion in October, investors remained nervous.

Dealers say the stubbornly high US trade deficit, along with an almost equally large budget

deficit, were at the heart of the October stock market crash.

The US government's need for funds soaked up a lot of this money—but in a sluggish world economy, economists argued that money could have been better spent investing in boosting production of goods.

Investors worried that the only way out was recession.

So Friday's report of a sharp drop in the trade deficit was good news—the dollar jumped five pennies on that news. Those European markets that were still open—London, Paris and Amsterdam—soared.

Today was Frankfurt's turn. Shares rose five per cent in active trading. Big exporters, especially car firms, posted the largest gains and the Boersen-Zeitung 30-share index rose 10.63 points, or 4.15 per cent, to open at 267.73.

Rose

Swiss shares rose 2.4 per cent, with the All-Swiss index up 18.4 points at 774.6. Milan's MIB index rose 3.8 per cent.

Amsterdam, which gained five per cent on Friday, opened mixed, with the CBS All-Swiss index up just 0.2 points at 72. The Paris bourse indicator slipped

0.1 per cent.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 82.42 points, or 3.4 per cent, to 2,512.19 while Singapore shares rose 5.5 per cent and Sydney's All-Ordinaries index rose 15.8 points to 1,293.3.

Strong

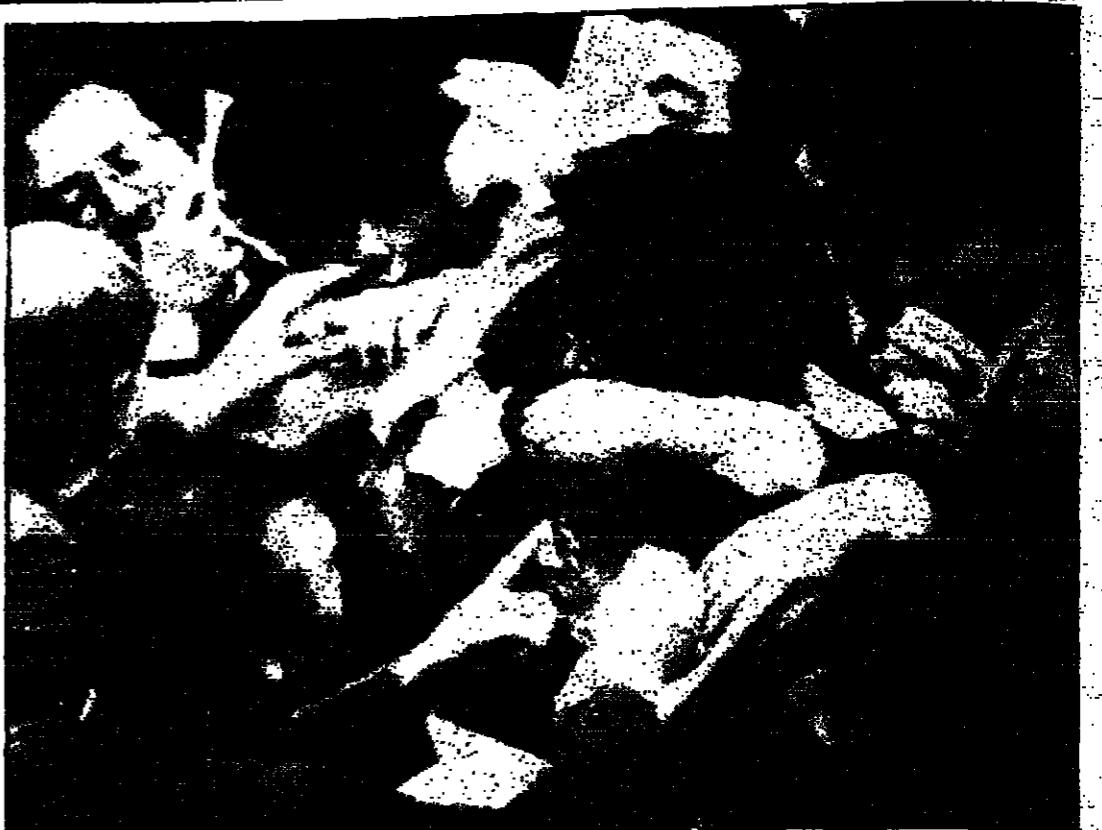
Meanwhile, the US Commerce Secretary William Verity said yesterday he believes the US economy is strong enough to stabilise the dollar at about its current level, following its sharp recent decline.

"I think it's going to stabilise because of our strong economy—the fact that we have a lot of people coming to this country to invest because this is still the best place to invest," Verity said in an ABC news television interview.

But Verity declined to comment on the Reagan administration's policy regarding the level of the dollar.

"I think the call on exchange rates is really the president's and I think the president has said he feels the dollar is at about the right level," Verity said.

"And I believe that's true and I believe the dollar will be stabilising at current levels," he continued.



Floor dealers in hectic trading at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as the dollar jumped sharply on Friday news of a narrower US trade gap in November. Asian investors go on buying spree in celebration of surprisingly trim US trade deficit and stronger dollar. (Reuter wirephoto)

China plans return of private land to solve farm crisis

PEKING, Jan 18. (Reuters):

China is considering the restoration of private land ownership—

blasphemy to hardline Marxists

—to solve a deepening farm

crisis that has led to food short

ages, rationing and near record

grain imports.

The People's Daily on Sunday

devoted half a page to a sombre

report on the crisis by Agricul

ture Minister He Kang.

"Farm output is growing too

slowly and consumer demand

... too fast... prices of grain, pork,

cotton and sugar are too low,

making farmers reluctant to

produce them and stimulating

demand... and making shortages

worse," the minister said.

He gave the standing commit

tee of the National People's Con

gress, China's parliament, the

facts and figures of the country's

1987 farm performance—grain

and cotton up, but below target.

Eighty per cent of dealings

have been moved to this rate or a

'commercial' rate, fluctuating

towards the market rate and

currently over 1.90.

The next step, moving transac

tions still conducted at the com

mercial rate to the market rate,

had been expected in early Jan

uary—six months ahead of the

IMF schedule—but has not yet

been announced.

Higher prices have hurt po

cketts long padded by a subsidised

economy. The government, sensi

tive to any hint of unrest, raised

public service pay 20 per cent last

year and is trying to target

increases to the rich and the mid

dle class.

"If you give a country a soft

programme, then say never mind

if it doesn't live up to the condi

tions, there is genuine fear

among some governments for

the whole debt programme" one

said.

Another Communist country,

Poland, has a high level of pri

ate land ownership. Top Chinese

farm officials wear there last

year

would feed the poor, and that

land prices were bound to soar

because it was so scarce.

Another idea pushed since

1984 is consolidation of China's

minimally farm plots.

Cai said that only two per cent

of arable land had been con

sidered because peasants were

unwilling to part with their plots

even if they were not farming

them for fear that they would be

unable to get them back and

because there was no penalty for

not farming them.

A long article last week in the

Financial Times argued that the

solution to the farm crisis was

commercialisation of land, with

tenants having the right to ren

der their plots directly to others

for profit, which they cannot do.

Shi Yousheng said plots were

getting smaller and smaller and

technology was too backward.

Poverty

"To change the poverty of our

villages, we must use modern

scientific techniques and mecha

nisation with land as a

commodity," an idea very close

to land ownership but sensitive

enough so that the minister

declined to reveal the identity of

Shi, a pen name.

For the first 30 years of Com

unist rule, farmers got very low



PORT EVERGLADES police keep an eye on the ship Boxer Captain Cook. The crew was kept on board for questioning by FBI and others in the death of the captain on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRESIDENTIAL candidate Leslie Manigat gestures as he talks with reporters on Sunday after arriving at the Port au Prince townhall to vote. Many Haitians have accused the Army of manipulating the elections to favour Manigat in the eleven-man race. (Reuter wirephoto)



TOWNSPEOPLE mill around at the entrance to the Fourth Infantry Brigade, where a rebel Air Force commando took charge yesterday, leading a military uprising against the Army high command. The commando (below left) was taken into custody after a group from the Air Force took control of the Buenos Aires Metropolitan Airport, the nation's major domestic field, in support of the military uprising by Army mutineer Aldo Rico. (Reuter wirephoto)



STANDING in the dock are six defendants accused of being involved in a series of unexplained robberies that resulted in 28 deaths. They were on trial in Mons, Belgium, yesterday. From left, they are: Michel Cocu, Michel Baudet, Adriano Vittorio, Jean-Claude Estivenart, Josef de Bruyn and Kaci Bouaroudj. (Reuter wirephoto)



A RELEASED Palestinian (left) welcomed by friends outside Gaza jail on Sunday. Mohamed Abdou Mahmoud, arrested for stone-throwing during the recent riots in the Gaza Strip, was freed after spending three weeks in jail. (Reuter wirephoto)



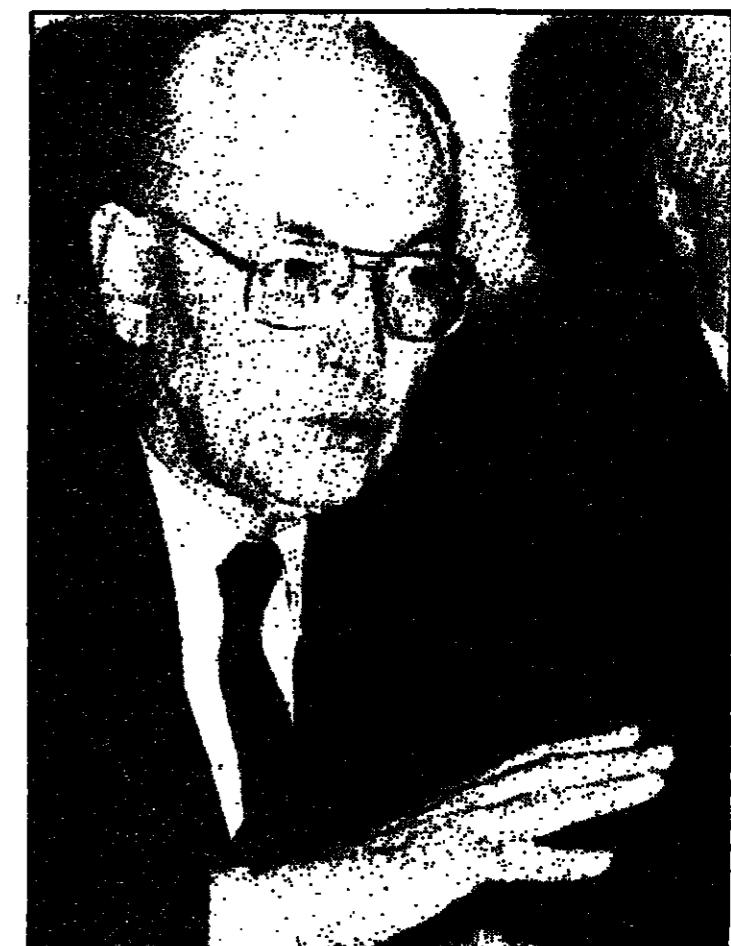
HAITIAN leader Lt. Gen. Henri Namphy is seen in uniform in this file photo made earlier this month. Namphy, 53, is due to cede power on February 7, to a civilian president after two years as interim president. (Reuter wirephoto)



ANGLICAN church envoy Terry Waite is shown with his Druze guards on January 19, 1987, the day before Waite disappeared. (Reuter wirephoto)



LEADING Soviet dissident Boris Yeltsin waves to reporters and friends as he arrives this morning at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport to board a plane to Bucharest. Far right is Yeltsin's wife Naina and, centre, her 79-year-old mother Dvoira. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prince Edward, Queen Elizabeth's youngest son (left), chats with composer Andrew Lloyd-Webber and his wife Sarah Brightman at Windsor Castle in this 1986 file photo. Buckingham Palace announced yesterday that the Prince is to become the first member of the royal family ever to pursue a career in theatre when he joins Lloyd-Webber's "Really Useful Theatre Company" as a production assistant next month. (Reuter wirephoto)



A HAITIAN soldier watches a line of voters waiting to vote on Sunday in presidential elections in Port au Prince. Security was heavy at polling stations as voter turnout was low in Sunday's voting. (Reuter wirephoto)



HUNDREDS of candles are lighted by Palestinians in protest against world hunger during a demonstration held Sunday night in the garden of Palais Royal in Paris. (Reuter wirephoto)

Dear Junior Readers,

This is the time of year when many of you enjoy weekend picnics in the desert with your families. It is a welcome change to be able to forget about the city and school for a few hours and eat and play at a nice picnic spot away from buildings, highways and traffic.

Recently the Arab Times has carried many articles about the importance of preserving the natural beauty of Kuwait's desert by protecting plants and shrubs which grow naturally with the winter rains.

As you have your picnics and play with your family and friends be careful that you do not trample on delicate flowers and grass. Maybe you could also ask your father to drive around green areas so the car tires do not destroy this rare beauty.

Of course, cleaning up after you eat, is something you would automatically do. A large plastic bag is convenient for collecting rubbish and scraps and can easily be thrown away when you return to your home.

Enjoy your weekend picnics but be sure and do your part in preserving Kuwait's desert beauty.

Aunt Barbara

Firsts and lasts

The word 'school' originally meant 'leisure.' It came from 'schole' which is Greek for 'leisure.'

The first satellite launched by the Americans at Cape Canaveral in 1957 exploded before it had got more than one metre (3 1/2 feet) above the ground.

Many of our words in the English language have their origins in the Latin of the Romans. Many of these words have political meanings, the most obvious of these being the word 'candidate.' This first came into the English language because Roman senators or politicians wore white togas as a mark of their rank. The Latin for white is 'candida' so candidates were 'the white ones.'

Search for magic

Can you find the words below in the diagram? They are formed in the diagram forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally, but they are always in a straight line and are never formed by skipping over any letters.

ARMS	DOVES	HELPER	RABBITS
AUDIENCES	EYES	MOVIES	RICH
CARDS	FAKERS	NEW	RINGS
CHAINS	FAIRY	OUT	ROPE
CREDIBLE	FOOLING	PASS	SCARF
DARE	GONG	QUICK	SHOT
DEFYING	TALK		



Openers

Listed below are the opening lines from a number of famous English and American literary works. How many authors and titles can you identify?

1. 'Call me Ishmael.'
2. 'Much have I travell'd in the realms of gold'
3. 'Come live with me and be my love.'
4. 'He was born with the gift of laughter and a sense that the world was mad.'
5. 'What dire offence from am'rous causes springs.'
6. 'In the year 1878 I took my degree of Doctor of Medicine of the University of London.'
7. 'One thing was certain, that the white kitten had had nothing to do with it — it was the black kitten's fault entirely.'
8. 'He did not wear his scarlet coat/For blood and wine are red.'

9. 'I was born in the year 1632, in the city of York, of a good family, though not of that county, my father being a foreigner of Bremen, who settled first at Hull.'
10. 'It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.'

Answers: 1. Hermann Melville, *Moby Dick*. 2. John Keats, 'On First Looking into Chapman's Homer'. 3. Christopher Marlowe, 'The Passionate Shepherd to His Love'. 4. Rafael Sabatini, *Scaramouche*. 5. Alexander Pope, *The Rape of the Lock*. 6. Arthur Conan Doyle, *A Study in Scarlet*. 7. Lewis Carroll, *Through the Looking-Glass*. 8. Oscar Wilde, *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*. 9. Daniel Defoe, *Robinson Crusoe*. 10. Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*.

DENNIS was a kindly dragon
And he found it lots of fun
Giving rides to little children.
On the Model Railway run.

But as weeks turned into months and months turned into several years, Dennis Dragon grew dejected — Sighing sighs and shedding tears.

"What is wrong with you?" the train man asked him one day, in despair.

You're upset, and sad

and gloomy

It's no fun now, at the fair."

"I don't know," replied poor Dennis.

Looking all cross-eyed and glum.

"You must need a rest," the man said.

"Get off home and see your Mum."

So the dreary dragon started

Out for home, still filled with gloom.

He was met with love

and kindness,

Put to bed in his old room.

But in spite of all Mum's efforts

He stayed weary, sad and blue.

Then his Mother told him firmly,

"I know what is wrong with you!

You are now a grown-up dragon,

Handsome, strong and full of pride.

You need someone sweet and gentle —

As a girlfriend, then a bride."

Dennis Dragon blushed bright green — and

Then he blushed bright pink and red.

He was shy of lady dragons,

But he did what his Mum said.

Next day, in the local paper

There appeared in letters bold,

"WANTED — one

bride for a dragon —

Must be kind, and good as gold."

Rushing up and down the pathway

Green and yellow, pink or blue

Dragon Ladies pushed and jostled

As they tried to jump the queue!

Dennis gets married

"I was first!" one dragon grumbled.

"No you WEREN'T!"

there came a shout.

As they pushed and shoved and quarrelled,

Here and there a fight broke out.

Snappy dragons, tall ones, short ones,

Some were fat, and some too thin.

Biffing, banging, pushing, barging,

Some fell out, and some gave in.

All that day the battle raged as Dennis watched, quite safe inside,

"But," he told his worried Mother,

"None of THEM will be my bride!"

Mother Dragon was determined

And told Dennis what to do

"Send your facts to the computer.

It will find the girl for you."

So, at the computer centre

Dennis turned up, eyes aglow;

Popped his card into the slot, then

Pushed the button labelled GO.

Bells and whistles, bleeps and buzzers,

Lights in yellow, green and red.



Since they were at Dragon School.

Now she really was a beauty.

Dennis almost lost his cool.

"What a lady!" thought our hero.

Shyly he held out his hand.

Daisy took it, and in no time

A summer wedding they had planned.

As they left the church together,

Dennis led the way with pride.

Who'd have thought his next-door-neighbour.

Would turn out to be his bride.

Poetry Corner

Death of a snowman

I was awake all night,
Big as a polar bear,
Strong and firm and white.
The tall black hat I wear
Was draped with ermine fur.
I felt so fit and well
Till the world began to stir.
And the morning sun swell.
I was tired, began to yawn,
At noon in the humming sun
I caught a severe worm,
My nose began to run.
My hat grew black and fell,
Was followed by my grey head.
There was no funeral bell,
But by tea-time I was dead.

Vernon Scammell



Jumping coin

The illusion:

An empty matchbox is placed on top of someone's head and is balanced there as a coin is sealed inside an envelope. The envelope is placed on a second person's head who stands at least three feet away. A clap of the hands and the magic is done. The envelope is torn open and shown to be empty, and the missing coin is found inside the closed matchbox.

The preparation:

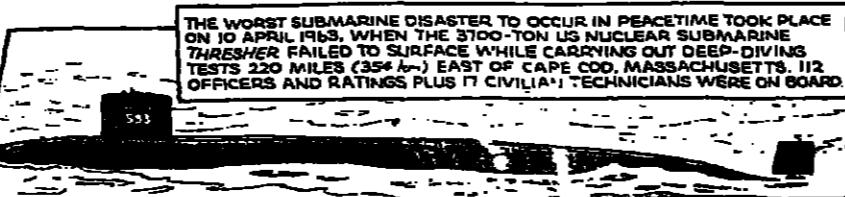
Push the drawer of a matchbox about two-thirds of the way out of its cover. Slide a penny into the opposite end of the cover and wedge it between the inner end of the drawer and the top of the cover (1). Prepare the envelope by slitting almost the entire length of one end with a sharp razor blade (2). Have a duplicate coin in your pocket and you're ready to do the trick.

The trick:

Show the inside of the empty matchbox by holding it toward the audience and with the drawer rising above the cover, thumb on the bottom, fingers on the top. Close the box by gently sliding the drawer down into the cover (3). Ask someone to imitate a magician's table and as you place the box on top of his or her head, squeeze the sides of the box to free the coin. Remove the penny from your pocket, show it, and drop it into the envelope, making sure the slit end is held slightly higher than the other. Now as you seal the envelope tilt it in the other direction so that the penny secretly slides into your waiting fingers (4). Gently put the envelope on a second person's head to also use their talents as a table.

Clap your hands to create the magic force. Remove the envelope from "Table No. 2," tear off the slit end, and let the person examine the envelope. Without going near "Table No. 1" have the person take the box from his or her head and open it. There is the missing coin. Well, if you call it the missing coin, they'll believe you?

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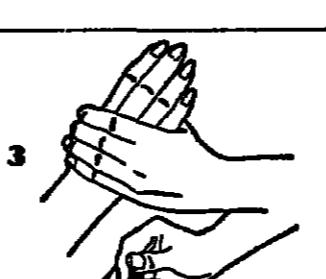
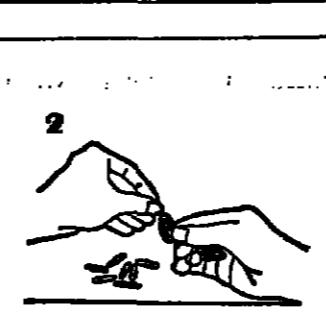
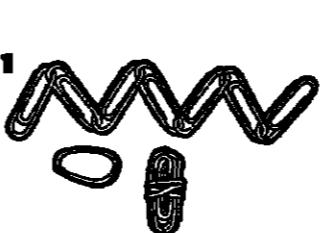
THE WORST SUBMARINE DISASTER TO OCCUR IN PEACETIME TOOK PLACE ON 10 APRIL 1953, WHEN THE 300-TON US NUCLEAR SUBMARINE THREACHERY FAILED TO SURFACE WHILE CARRYING OUT DEEP-DIVING TESTS 220 MILES (354 KM) EAST OF CAPE COD, MASSACHUSETTS. 112 OFFICERS AND RATINGS PLUS 17 CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS WERE ON BOARD.

INSIDE the buried chamber, Annie found the idol exactly where she thought it would be. All of a sudden, she heard a noise at the top of the shaft. Horrified, she recognised the voice of the thief speaking to his accomplice. Annie had to think fast. She must protect the idol at all costs!

She grabbed it and shoved it into her big bag — she was surprised how light it felt. Then she pressed herself against the wall hoping to hide in the gloom. She kept perfectly still. She heard two voices talking in hoarse whispers and she could just make out two shadows creeping across the chamber. Then she heard someone scrabbling frantically in the sand. They were looking for the idol! She knew she had to make a dash for it before the crooks discovered the idol was missing.

As Annie made her way back to the boat, she began to feel frightened. She tried to pull herself together — but she knew she wasn't just being silly. It really was very scary. Scrambling across a strange desert all alone in the middle of the night carrying a priceless idol.

And what about the curse? Annie hoped that the powers of the ancient



gods would not mistake her for the thief and punish her. She started to run.

By the time she reached the gangplank, she was too exhausted to worry about the guards. She only remembered them when she passed the policeman and his dog, both fast

asleep.

She made straight for her cabin and bolted the door. She knew she ought to take the idol straight to the Police Chief, but first she wanted to look at it herself. As she lifted it from her bag, something in the back of her mind worried her. What was it?

There are four differences between the idol and the description in The Daily. It is much lighter than the real idol. Professor Pot and Eric notice how heavy it is but Annie is surprised by how light it is. The modern factory stamp shows it must be a fake. Jewels around the idol's head should be sapphires (blue) and emeralds (green). Cobra symbol should only have one eye. Six toes on wrong foot. Modern factory stamp. Jewel in idol's back is not a diamond. (Diamonds are not red).



AVIATION

Remarkable aerospace triumph, commercial flop

Early exit for mighty Concorde

AIR FRANCE, the only airline besides British Airways that owns the supersonic aircraft Concorde, has set a record in the history of aviation through the highly prized possession. The Concorde can do what no other plane can do — fly across the Atlantic without refuelling and carry 11 tons of freight.

Early next century the world will watch with nostalgia when the two European carriers phase out their supersonic aircraft at the end of their almost 30-year-long life span. The world will fall back to subsonic air transport as there is no better alternative.

Another chance that another Concorde or another supersonic commercial aircraft will have come into being by then.

Some airlines are already kicking themselves for not having acquired the Concorde at the time the manufacturers, Aerospatiale from France and the British Aircraft Corporation, were eagerly awaiting orders. Had they done so they could have prevented the early demise of the world's most efficient and beautiful aircraft.

There are 16 Concordes altogether in the world split equally between Britain and France. Two of the 16 are prototypes. No more Concordes will ever be produced according to one of Air France's most promising engineers, Bernard Combelle, who heads the maintenance division for Airbus and Concorde aircraft. Combelle took a group of visiting journalists from the Gulf on a tour of the airline's maintenance department. "All the tools (for manufacturing the Concorde) have been scrapped," he said with finality.

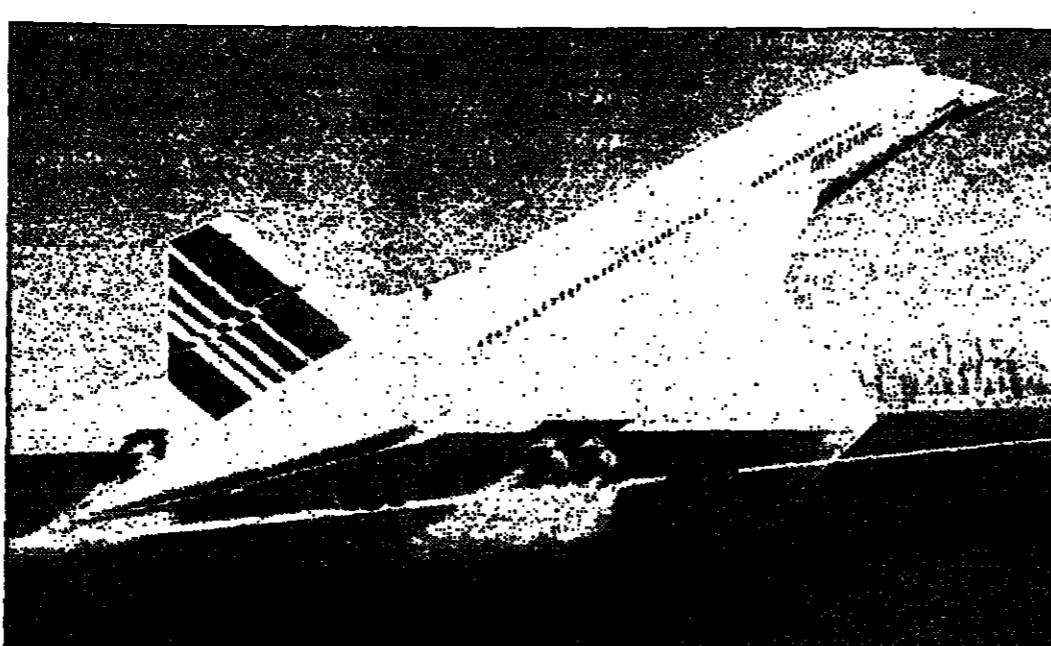
This is bad news for some airlines but for Air France it spells exclusivity.

To many other carriers including Iran Air, China's national airline and some US carriers who have repeatedly approached Air France with offers to buy some of their Concordes, the aircraft is becoming increasingly appealing. British Airways is only too aware of that. Not only are they unwilling to sell their supersonic aircraft but they have also made a bid for Air France's Concordes. But for Air France the Concorde, which can cruise at 2,200 km per hour, is priceless. "It gave us tremendous publicity and it boosted our image as a leader in technology," says Combelle.

What has recently particularly endeared the Concorde to the airline, is that at long last the aircraft has become profitable... if operating cost alone is taken into account the aircraft first made money in 1982. This year for the first time after 11 years since it was introduced, the Concorde was profitable including the cost of depreciation. The airline is confident that, provided fuel prices do not soar, the days when the Concorde was a financial burden, are firmly in the past.

The Concorde's life will extend into the 21st century but the two airlines will have to phase out the aircraft between the years of 2003 and 2005. By

By early 2000, one of the world's most efficient and graceful aircraft, the Concorde will be scrapped by its manufacturers, Aerospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation. Is there an alternative or will air-travellers have to settle for subsonic air transport? Jadranka Porter, who recently visited the Air France Concorde maintenance division, discusses the problems surrounding the emergence of a new supersonic plane.



An Air France Concorde takes off. The plane can cruise at 2,200 km per hour.

then, it is hoped, the researchers will have been close to finalising designs for a new superior-to-Concorde supersonic aircraft for commercial use in the second or third decade of the 21st century.

Combelle is certain that there will be a time gap of more than a decade when the Concorde will be a museum exhibit and a new supersonic commercial airliner will exist on paper only. In the meantime the world's globetrotters will have to settle for subsonic air transport which consumes one quarter of the fuel the Concorde uses but takes twice as long to cross the Atlantic.

Problems

The problems surrounding the emergence of a new supersonic are similar to those that preceded the launching of the Concorde. On the one hand there are technical challenges.

The 21st century travel dictates a need for an aircraft that will outdo the mastery of the Concorde. The Concorde can carry 100 passengers but the future supersonic commercial airliner, in order to be commercially viable, will have to accommodate at least 200 passengers. Crossing the Atlantic won't be enough either. The new aircraft's range will have to be at least 9,000 km, 2,500 km more than the Concorde's in order to cross the Pacific, a definite requirement of the 21st century air travel. It may have to be built to fly at an altitude of 100,000 feet if it is to sidestep the problems associated with the sonic boom which caused the Concorde, capable of flying no higher than 60,000 feet, to be banned from flying over some countries.

The greatest of challenges will be to invent an engine to power an aircraft which will make less noise, consume less

fuel but fly further and higher than the Concorde. These are no small challenges for the best of brains in aircraft industry.

Answers

But even if all the answers are found by engineers the biggest hurdle will be to sell a sufficient number of aircraft to justify their production. The same problem has plagued the manufacturing of the Concorde. No matter what money Air France put down for its Concordes it paid nowhere near what it cost to produce the plane says Combelle.

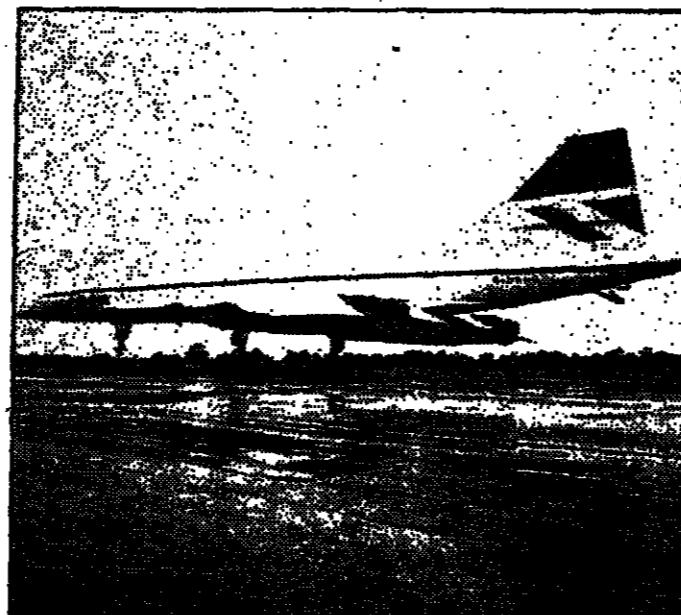
With BA and Air France being the only buyers of the Concorde, a remarkable triumph of the aircraft industry, was condemned to a commercial exit from the commercial air travel scene. It is unlikely that the next supersonic in line will not meet with the same fate. Combelle is

sceptical that it will appear at all within the next five decades.

He reckons that to make the price of this future supersonic anywhere near reasonable for the airlines, the manufacturers will have to make between 500 and 1,000 such aircraft. But the market cannot accommodate that number of planes, he says.

"The world is doomed to be without a supersonic commercial airliner for more than a decade following 2005" he speculates.

This is why Air France is now relishing the years of Concorde ownership much to the envy of some airlines who lacked either money or foresight or both, to get the supersonic plane when it could have been got. Basking in the knowledge that they have done the right thing, even if under certain amount of pressure, Air France has decades ahead of it to savor the sweet, sweet taste of success.



A British Airways Concorde makes a smooth landing. There are 16 Concordes in operation split equally between British Airways and Air France.

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Up, up and away on the US Navy's F-18 Hornet

By Christopher Swan

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — The first thing I saw was the nose. Jutting out from behind a brick building. Maybe two football fields away. Blue, sleek, pointed. Then, we came around in our car on the runway, and I saw the whole plane. Like some kind of galvanised mosquito. All power and precision and swish-back beauty.

Something about your first look at a light-attack aircraft like the F-18 Hornet makes you want to get inside. Know the soul of a swift machine. And, this breezy afternoon, I was to make close acquaintance with the state-of-the-art Navy jet, compliments of the Blue Angels, the Navy's precision-flying squadron that recently started flying seven of the bullet-fast, ballet-dancer-manueverable planes.

An untroubled sun glinted off the hard blue surface of the plane. The canopy was open at a 35-degree angle, like an alligator's mouth; I sat inside. Omar was strapping me into the second seat of the plane.

"You see everything in yellow and black here?" Omar asked as he cinched straps around my ankles, my thighs, my groin, my stomach, my chest. "You don't want to touch any of it. If anything happens, he will save you."

"He" is Lt. Cliff Skelton, pilot for the Blues' seventh plane, which is modified with a second seat to accommodate curious passengers. The six other planes fly the razor-edge formation patterns that streak through air shows around the country. Lieutenant Skelton shows media people and others what it is like to sit on top of 32,000 pounds of thrust, while barrel-rolling or looping up at 50 miles an hour, pulling as much as 5 1/2 G's — or 5 1/2 times the force of gravity.

"When you start graying out and losing your vision," Omar advises, shoving a helmet down on my head, "just tighten up your stomach and leg muscles."

Blowing

The sounds of jets and props were blowing in frequent gusts back and forth across the tarmac, as Skelton approached the plane. He carries his body-Navy physique lightly and well. When he talks, he is quiet and respectful — one of those guys who seem to keep a serene corner of the sky in their blue eyes. His name is written in gold letters on the plane.

"I'm planning to start with a high performance climb up to 8,000 feet on takeoff," Skelton said, once he had strapped his helmet on. "That OK?"

Our voices were carried by intercom into each other's helmets. The canopy was down now, and you could hear the chatter of the tower above the dull, woodshingled roar of our own jets. The high-tech screens in front of me winked greenly, and a computerised female voice called off the various stages of flight preparation.

"Flight control. Flight control," it kept repeating, making a noise like the sound you get when you dial an out-of-order telephone number. Something was wrong. I could hear Skelton muttering to himself. "I don't know if we are going to fly today," he said at one point. And we spent 15 tension-filled minutes while he monkeyed with the controls. Finally, though, he taxied out to the runway. The plane danced impatiently on the tarmac. I felt the tug of the engine yanking us into position for takeoff.

"Ready to fly?"

Well, how ready do we mean here? My ears were pinned back. My eyes wide open. My heart pounding. I felt the urgency of thrust behind me. Then, rush, pull, earth-lost, force, speed, move up, FLY!! The little light thing was suddenly up, and Skelton was in a high-performance climb and everything blurred into new intensity. Four G's pulled me back into my seat, like a turtle slammed against its shell. And everything in this sweeping blur.

Earth, mind, body, sky — was moving straight up.

We leveled off at 8,000 feet.

We were the fastest, tightest thing in the air, soaring above the green mosaic of farmland and roads. The Susquehanna river looked hard and brown below us. The cooling towers of Three Mile Island stood off in the near distance. My body was recovering from the depth-chase sensation of pulling all those G's. My mind raced along with the speed of the plane.

"How you doing back there, Chris?" Skelton asked.

Fine, said the fly to the spider.

"Good. Let's climb up to 10,000 feet, where we can go

When flight becomes intelligence



Writer Christopher Swan peers into the sky as he's strapped into an F-18 Hornet jet.

faster. Then, I'll show you a few more manoeuvres."

Blue Angels pilots routinely perform manoeuvres like the ones I was about to experience, only at much lower altitudes and in tighter configurations. They do so while flying 36 inches apart, sometimes coming straight at each other, making almost microscopic adjustments with their sticks. When you see them execute razor-sharp manoeuvres at speeds of up to 600 miles an hour, as I did during the Harrisburg International Air Show the following afternoon, you get no sense of the sheer brute force that engage them while they fly.

Their show — equal parts

fireworks display, ballet, and stock-car race — reaches points in which flight becomes intelligence, an extension of the imagination, da Vinci's winged man with computerised instruments and General Electric F-404 engines. But these are human bodies and well-drilled minds piloting heavy machinery in close encounters that some congressmen and editorial writers consider foolhardy.

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SPORTS

Gulf Bank and Falcon outlast opponents

GULF BANK and Falcon beat Al Mulla and Siddique cricket clubs respectively in the Al Mulla Mitsubishi Cup matches at the Oval in Ahmadi on Friday.

In the morning, Falcon stole the honours by crushing Siddique by 50 runs. The foundation for Falcon's victory was laid by their openers, Sher Afzal (39) and Zahid (53), who put on 96 for the first wicket. Both the batsmen hit two sixes each and were seven on anything short or overpitched.

Three quick wickets by the Siddique bowlers put Falcon under some pressure but the arrival of Amin again changed the complexion of the game. Amin hit four sixes and three fours as he raced to 56.

Unbeaten

By the end of the 28 allotted overs, Falcon had put on 197 runs for the loss of eight wickets. For Siddique, the bowling honours were shared by Zafar with three wickets and Arif who got two. Amjad and Tariq got one wicket each.

In reply Siddique were all out for 147. Siddique's highest scorer was Amjad with 57. Shahid hit an unbeaten 23 while Zafar got 18 and Mukesh 16.

Amin was the main wicket taker with three for 36 in six overs. Zahid supported him well by taking two for 31.

In the afternoon match, Gulf Bank just managed to overcome Al Mulla.

Batting first, Al Mulla made a modest total of 170 all out in 29 overs. The main contributors were Khalid (62), Nader (31) and Asghar (32).

For Gulf Bank wickets were shared by Manjir (3), Remy (2) with Alex, Ejaz, Perwiz and Peter all taking a wicket each.

Gulf Bank lost Alex early, bowled by Asghar for 4. Elias left without scoring, another Asghar victim. It was left to Perwiz and Remy to stage a fightback and both playing with responsibility brought respectability to the total. Perwiz was dismissed for 54.

Remy played a captain's knock, being unbeaten on 83 with 9 boundaries. Four middle-order batsmen dismissed in his absence failed to get double figures.

Eventually Remy managed to take his side to victory as Gulf Bank ended in making 173 for 8 in 29 overs.

Waldner wins for Europe

CLEVELAND, England, Jan 18, (AP): Jan Ove Waldner of Sweden gave European table tennis a big confidence boost yesterday by winning the men's singles title in the Europe versus Asia classic.

Waldner, the world No. 2, followed his first-round victory over Britain's Nicky Mason by disposing of three Asian challengers.

In the final, there was not much between Waldner and South Korea's Yoo Nam Kyu for two games but then the Swede stepped up a gear to win 21-18 17-21-9.

In the semifinal, Kyu, ranked only 22 in the world, had upset world No. 4 Teng Yi of China 22-20, 21-11.

At last year's world championships, China won six of the seven titles at stake but neither of its singles champions made much of an impact at this two-day event, the most prestigious table tennis tournament to be held in Britain for 10 years, featuring the top men and top six women player in the world.

Thrashed

His score kept Napoli three points clear of AC Milan at the top and pushed Sampdoria back to fourth, but Milan, for whom Dutchman Gullit scored twice, thrashed Como 5-0 to take a firm hold on second place.

Maradona was in an effusive mood afterwards. "This Napoli has now proved it can win anywhere," he said, momentarily forgetting his team's 4-0 defeat at Milan at the start of the year.

"After that defeat they asked whether we were tired. Some even said we were dead. This goal, this win, is our answer to

MINTER DUMPS SHRIVER OUT OF AUSTRALIAN OPEN**Lendl still favourite but Cash closing fast**

MELBOURNE, Jan 18, (Reuters): Wimbledon champion Pat Cash is challenging hard for Ivan Lendl's position as favourite at the Australian Open after a significant improvement in his backcourt skills over the past three months.

Since last October's straight-set defeat by Lendl in the Sydney indoor final, Cash has been working on his backcourt play and rallying prowess.

During that final Cash was still charging the net at every opportunity, a recipe for success which worked against the world number one on grass at Wimbledon but failed miserably on slower surfaces.

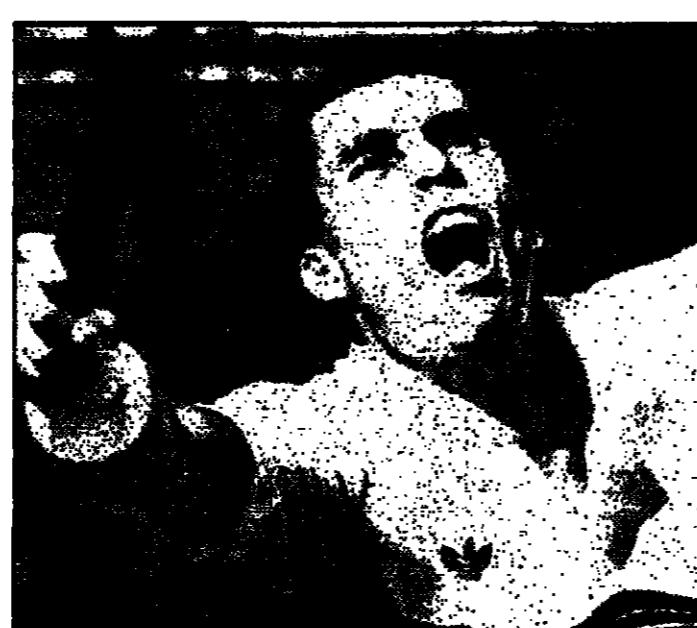
Appears

On the new rebound ace surface here, Cash has been content to bide his time at the back of the court, rallying until a clear opening appears and then using his speed and volleying power to kill.

As both Lendl and Cash, due to meet in the semifinals, prepare for tomorrow's quarterfinals, there are many who believe the Melbourne-born 22-year-old has what it takes to stop Lendl winning the first leg of the Grand Slam, his stated goal this year.

Cash's fourth-round victim, Sweden's Jonas B. Svensson, is one of the believers.

"It's the best I've ever seen him play. Last year he missed a lot on his forehand but now he's so much stronger and better on the



Lendl (left) and Cash: heading for a showdown in the Australian Open



winner of the women's title, Steffi Graf. Awesome is an over-worked word in sport but it is the only one to describe Graf's combination of power, speed and unrelenting aggression.

Her second-round 6-0 6-1 obliteration of Australian Janine Thompson remains the match of the tournament, one-sided as it was.

Graf won the first eight games of her fourth round match against Sweden's Catarina Lindqvist today before easing on to win 6-0 7-5.

Everything went so fast, she did not miss anything. She overpowered me and she gets round so fast to her forehand that you don't have time to think," Lindqvist said later.

Only memories of past Grand Slams defeat at the hands of Martina Navratilova appear capable of preventing the West German 18-year-old claiming her second major title.

Graf's next opponent is Hana Mandlikova, the holder and fifth seed who beat American Lori McNeil 6-2 6-4.

The other quarterfinal pairings are unseeded Australian Anne Minter, who upset American fourth-seed Pam Shriver 6-2 6-4, against West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, Chris Evert against Claudia Porwick of West Germany and Czechoslovak Helena Sukova against Navratilova.

W. Australia defeat Queensland

SYDNEY, Jan 18, (Reuters): James Brayshaw, playing his first game for Western Australia, made a match-winning 60 not out against Queensland Shield leaders Queensland in Perth today.

Brayshaw, 20, the middle of three sons of Western Australia's former all-rounder Ian Brayshaw, batted for four hours on a difficult pitch to steer his side to a three-wicket victory. They now trail Queensland by just four points.

On a difficult pitch, Brayshaw, batting at number three, showed great skill and application against an attack that contained Test bowlers Ian Botham and Carl Rackemann.

Botham was among the first to shake Brayshaw's hand when Western Australia reached 193 for seven to secure victory with 9.4 overs to spare.

Earlier Queensland, 214 for eight overnight, were 238 all out 18 minutes after the start of play.

Queensland and Western Australia each have three matches to play — one at home and two away — before the playoff for the title.

Despite a magnificent 166 by Mick Taylor and the comeback of Dennis Lillee, Tasmania lost to South Australia by an innings and 70 runs in Devonport.

Tasmania, 352 behind on first innings, were all out for 282. Taylor falling last of all having batted for 276 minutes and struck 19 fours.

Taylor's wicket gave 17-year-old fast bowler Shane George figures of three for 71 from 22.1 overs and an impressive match analysis of nine for 122.

Lillee took four for 99 in 45 overs when he bowled at the start of the match.

Standings

Sheffield Shield cricket standings after today's matches (tabulate under — played, won, drawn, lost, points):

	7	5	1	30
Q. Australia	7	4	3	1
W. Australia	6	2	1	13
Victoria	6	1	4	10
S. Australia	5	1	3	8
Tasmania	5	0	1	4

LOCAL CRICKET**Old Boys rout Golden Star**

OLD BOYS Cricket Club thrashed Golden Star Cricket Club by eight wickets in a friendly match at the Silver Tower ground on Friday.

Golden Star won the toss and opted to bat but their decision seemed to backfire as Ansar was run out without any score on the board. Abdul Waheed removed Saitu and Nazir with the total only 19. Ismail was caught by Gaffar off Adnan and Riaz Mian and Iftikhar struck twice each to dismiss Golden Star for only 62 runs.

In reply, Old Boys went past the victory target in only 11 overs. Adnan Shah scored 27 while Idrees and Ismail remained unbeaten on 13 each.

The Old Boys, whose average age is 40 years, were helped by excellent fielding by all the players. As the bowlers struck to their task, the fielders supported them well.

Punjab triumph twice

PUNJAB Cricket Club (Farwania) scored two victories in the Sabah League tournament on Friday.

In the first match on Friday morning, Punjab beat New Khaitan Cricket Club by 39 runs and in the afternoon they crushed Burhani Cricket Club by 63 runs.

In the first match, Punjab CC won the toss at the Safeway Ground and decided to bat. Punjab were given a good start by their openers who put on 50 runs for the first wicket.

Anwar Minhas hammered the New Khaitan bowlers and went on to score 32. Anwar Minhas got some good support from Anwar Khan who hit 20. Punjab put on 144 runs in the 25 allotted overs.

Again

In reply, New Khaitan were all out for 105 runs in the 25 allotted overs. For Punjab Tabbasim took 2 wickets while Sharafat, Javed and Anwar Khan got one each.

In the second match against Burhani, Punjab again won the toss and opted to bat. Their openers again gave them a good start and put on 40 runs for the first wicket.

Lillee confirms English offers

PERTH, Australia, Jan 18, (Reuters): Dennis Lillee, the former Australian Test fast bowler, confirmed today he had received offers from English county cricket clubs for the 1988 season.

But Lillee, 38, who took 355 wickets in 70 Tests before retiring from international cricket four years ago, said at the moment he was "not even considering" them.



Gatting looks annoyed after missing a catch. (Reuters wirephoto)

Burnett slams England bowlers

WELLINGTON, Jan 18, (Reuters): England failed to press home a tea-time advantage, allowing Wellington to reach 188 for six at the close on the first day of the tourists' opening cricket match in New Zealand.

Wellington had been 104 for five at tea.

The main stumbling block was 22-year-old Graham Burnett, playing in only his second first class match and standing in as a makeshift opener for injured Wellington captain Robert Radford.

Burnett survived a torrid opening from the England fast attack to play a dogged innings, ending 87 not out.

His main assistance came from Ian Ormiston who made 47 before falling to England captain Mike Gatting.

Mike Gatting, Gatting took in a spilled catch by wicketkeeper Bruce French off the bowling of David Capel.

England lost the toss and Wellington captain Ervin McSweeney chose to bat. The start of play was delayed for 30 minutes by bad light.

The England bowlers bowled a steady line without achieving a spectacular penetration on a placid pitch. Best of them were Neil Foster, two for 23, and Neal Radford, one for 44.

But a worry for Gatting and the England team was that front-line bowlers Graham Dilley, who claimed the first wicket of the tour, and Foster both appeared to suffer minor injuries and failed to bowl in the final session.

Scoreboard

WELLINGTON first innings

B. Edgar c Emburey b Dilley	10
G. Burnett not out	87
G. Larter c French b Foster	11
T. Ritchie c Radford b Foster	0
T. Robins b Radford	1
E. McSweeney c Foster b Emburey	10
I. Ormiston c Gatting b Capel	47
G. Cederwall not out	8
Extras (b-3, lb-2, nb-6)	11
Total (for six wickets)	188
Fall of wickets 1-16, 2-56, 3-60, 4-66, 5-101, 6-172	

Bowling: Dilley 11-2-25-1, Foster 16-7-23-2, Capel 19-2-55-1 (nb-2), Radford 22-6-44-1 (nb-4), Emburey 16-5-35-1, Moron 1-0-1-0.

Wellington won the toss.

To bat: Steve Maguire, Brett Williams, Jonathan Millnow.

England — Mike Gatting (captain), Chris Brad, Martyn Moxon, Bill Athey, Neil Fairbrother, David Capel, John Emburey, Bruce French, Neil Foster, Neal Radford, Graham Dilley.



Buragueno: got a superb goal for Real

Footballer of the Year and chief pretender to Maradona's title as the world's top player.

While Maradona and Gullit starred in Italy — where their individualism is turning the newly-acclaimed European

championship into a two-team contest — Spain's top striker Buragueno returned from injury and scored a superb solo goal for Real Madrid against Real Sociedad.

Buragueno received a clever lobbed pass from midfielder Michel Gonzalez and struck a brilliant left-foot shot which flew into the net off a post.

The goal secured a 1-0 win for Madrid and lifted them five points clear of Real Sociedad and Atletico Madrid at the top. Atletico, despite an opening goal from their own leading star forward, Portuguese international Paulo Futre, were hammered 5-1 at Athletic Bilbao.

"I'd already said the side was getting better," said Bilbao's English coach Howard Kendall. "Now we must continue our winning streak." Bilbao's win moved them up to fourth.

In England, runaway leaders Liverpool continued their all-conquering run by beating Arsenal 2-0 to go 15 points clear of Nottingham Forest.

Resolute team-work created the first goal for John Aldridge, but the second came from Ian Ormiston who made 47 before falling to England captain

SPORTS BRIEFS

Own enemy

WICHITA FALLS, Texas, Jan 18. (AP): Former world welterweight and middleweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard said Larry Holmes' toughest opponent Friday night against heavyweight champion Mike Tyson will be Holmes himself. "Larry Holmes has to constantly reassure himself that he can do it," Leonard said Saturday. "He has the physical attributes — the height, the reach advantage — but I think it's just a matter of him saying, 'damn it, I can do it.'

Speed skating

DAVOS, Switzerland, Jan 18. (AP): Jens-Uwe Mey of East Germany dominated a World Cup speed skating competition yesterday taking two of three events despite a strong US performance. Mey won the 500-metre race in 36.86 seconds, ahead of three Americans. Nick Thomeit was second in 36.97, followed by Dan Jansen in 37.01 and Marty Pierce in 37.19.

World Cup

GALLIO, Italy, Jan 18. (AP): Ernst Vettori of Austria yesterday won the 11th World Cup ski jumping event of the season. Vettori, 23, compiled 218.2 points to move from eighth to fourth place in the overall Cup standings.

Japanese boxer

TOKYO, Jan 18. (Reuter): Japanese bantamweight boxer Takuwa Muguruma underwent two brain scans after losing a come-back bid yesterday but there was no sign of brain damage. Japanese doctors said today.

Houston race

HOUSTON, Jan 18. (Reuter): Norway's Geir Kvernmo pulled away from the pack after 21 kilometres and held off a strong challenge from Salvador Garcia of Mexico to win the 16th annual Houston marathon yesterday.

King's Cup

BANGKOK, Jan 18. (Reuter): Results in the King's Cup soccer tournament today:

Group A
Austrian XI 3 China 2 (halftime 3-1)
Indonesia 3 Oman 0 (0-0)

E. Germans top

KINGSBERG, Norway, Jan 18. (AP): East Germany, headed by Andrea Ehrig, who won all four scheduled races and clinched her fourth straight overall title, dominated the women's 1988 European Championships in a speed skating. Ehrig collected 180,163 time points. She won the 500- and 3,000-metre races in 43.01 seconds and 4 minutes 28.89 seconds Saturday and the 1,500- and 5,000-metre events in 2:12.46 and 8:01.85 yesterday.

Door open

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Jan 18. (UPI): The door is still open for North Korea and Cuba at the Seoul 1988 Summer Games despite their refusal to attend. International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today.

Steroids sales

OSLO, Jan 18. (Reuter): Soviet Olympic medal hope Nikolai Gulyayev was alleged today to have sold anabolic steroids for Western currency to fellow speed skater Stein Kroby of Norway.

Bridge

RESULTS of the SAS Bridge Club game played on Sunday:

N/S
1st Sandra Turvey & Gill Wilde
2nd Lollo Morthwaite & Juliette
3rd Rima Ayyad & Chofron Mikail
E/W
1st Daphne El - Saad & Margaret
Maynard
2nd Johnette Chiles & Nida Khalaf
and Lili Akel & Madge McKenzie

DENVER THWART CLEVELAND COMEBACK

Broncos and Redskins win



A Redskins fan (right) bites the horn of Vikings fan while watching the game. (Reuter wirephoto)

got to work and moved his team down the field.

Ernest Byner, who had already scored twice for the Browns, carried the ball toward the goal-line and looked certain to level the game and send it into overtime. But the Denver defence forced Byner to fumble on the two yard line and the Broncos recovered the ball, once again ending Cleveland's dream

of a Super Bowl berth.

"After the first half the Browns just kept coming and coming," said Elway. "But the defense hung in there and got the big turnover at the end."

In the first half it was all Denver as the Broncos capitalised on a pair of Cleveland turnovers and scored on their first three possessions to take a 21-3 half-time lead.

Yesterday Elway engineered a closing minutes 98-yard touchdown drive that sent the game into overtime and robbed Cleveland of what would have been their first Super Bowl.

Yesterday, with four minutes left in the game, Elway tossed a screen pass to Sammy Winder who broke tackles, turned the corner and galloped 20 yards to give a 38-31 lead.

Cleveland quarterback Bernie Kosar, who guided the Browns' second half comeback with three touchdowns in the third quarter,

Nomads rout Abu Dhabi

THE Nomads kept alive their hopes of successfully defending their Gulf Merit Table title with a comprehensive victory over Abu Dhabi on Friday. The Nomads ran in six tries with no reply to reinforce their status as one of the Gulf's top clubs.

Kuwait's stalwart fly half, Graham Adams, opened the scoring with one of his rare tries. Bob Hall broke blind from a scrum inside the Abu Dhabi '22', fed Adams who trundled over himself with everyone expecting a pass to Drew Wilkins on the wing.

Wilkins was next on the score-sheet, however, Abu Dhabi were caught in possession. The Nomads pack stole the ball, Hall fed the late arriving Con Barry who put Wilkins in at the corner.

The Nomads' final try of the half was a reward for the efforts of the back row. Kuwait won a line out on the right and from the midfield breakdown got a good second phase possession.

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A loose heel by the Abu Dhabi pack gave Wilkins his second and the Nomad's fourth try of the afternoon. Hall pounced on the loose ball and set Wilkins free for the score.

Kuwait's pack were rampant

now, and they set up try for Dave Bulless with a frenetic movement down field. Hall then swung a long pass to Bulless who cantered round his opposite number for his try. He then rounded off the scoring with a second try after a sweet move during which the ball moved through the hands of every three-quarter.

The Nomads' second string were severely under strength to play Al Ain and fielded only fourteen men.

The Nomads started well by putting a great deal of pressure on the Al Ain line and were rewarded with the opening score.

Jones cross kicked from a penalty and Tyrrell pounced on the good opportunity try for a 4-0 lead.

Al Ain narrowed the deficit with a penalty, and then took a 4-4 lead with a converted try after the Nomads' depleted defence had been exposed.

Kuwait got back into the game with a Jones penalty, but Al Ain's margin was restored with a massive penalty after some over-robust play by the Nomads pack.

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After the interval, the Kuwait forwards played magnificently and Al Ain found themselves under continuous pressure.

Inevitably something had to give, and Al Ain were forced to

concede a penalty which Jones converted from long range to put the Nomads within sight of victory.

It was a tragedy then that one sloppy pass resulted in a second try for Al Ain and a 16-10 lead.

The Nomads fought back gamely and secured a second try by debutant Jerry Young, following up another cross kick. A fierce battle ensued for the last quarter of the game with neither side giving an inch, but Al Ain held out for their win.

The Nomads will encounter stiff opposition this Friday in their first home matches for almost a year, when Dubai Exiles

play from Fintas Park.

The two clubs have already met four times this year, with honours even so far. Dubai are

the Gulf Sevens Champions

beating the Nomads 12-6 in the final, and secured a narrow 8-7 win in the Merit Table match in November. The Nomads, meanwhile, beat the Exiles in extra time of the final of the Middle East Fifteens, and won 4-0 in the 2nd XV Gulf Cup.

Dubai also had a good win last weekend, thrashing the once mighty Bahrain 30-3, but they have rarely beaten the Nomads outside the Emirates.

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